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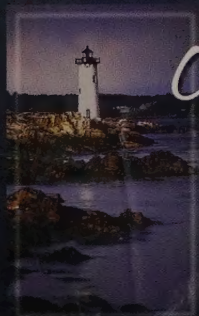
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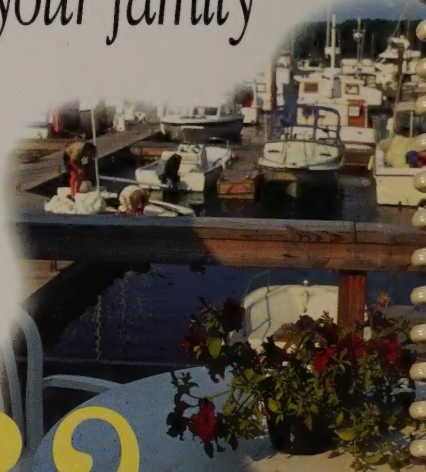
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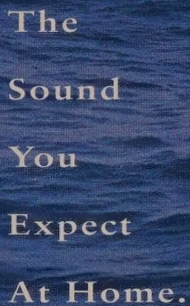
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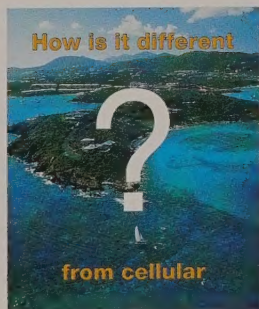


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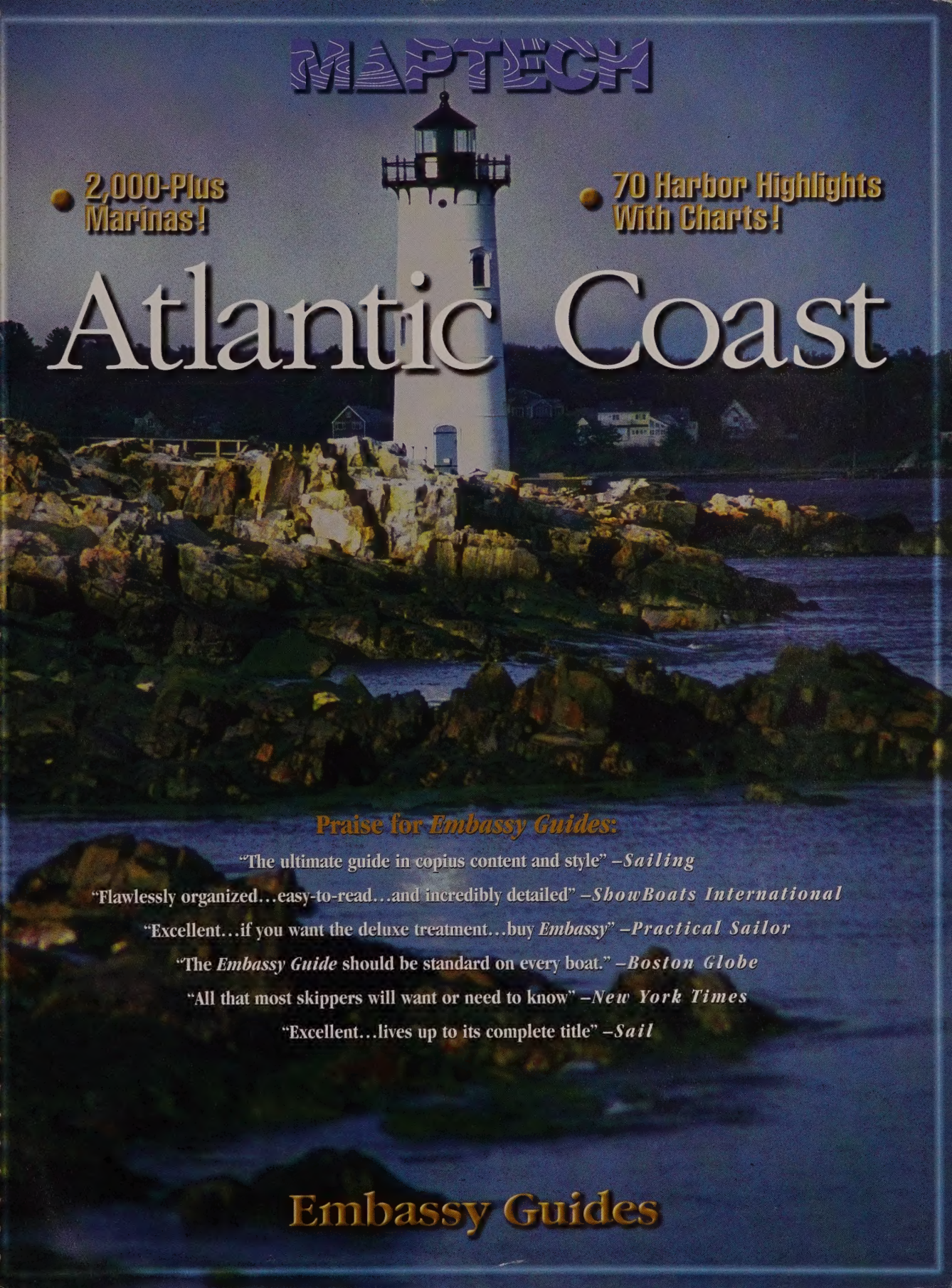
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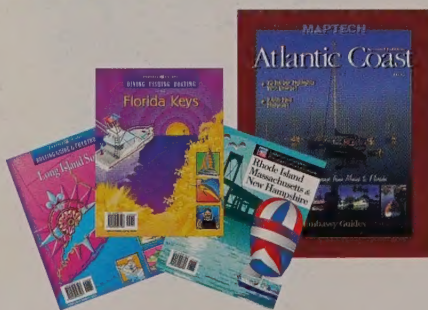
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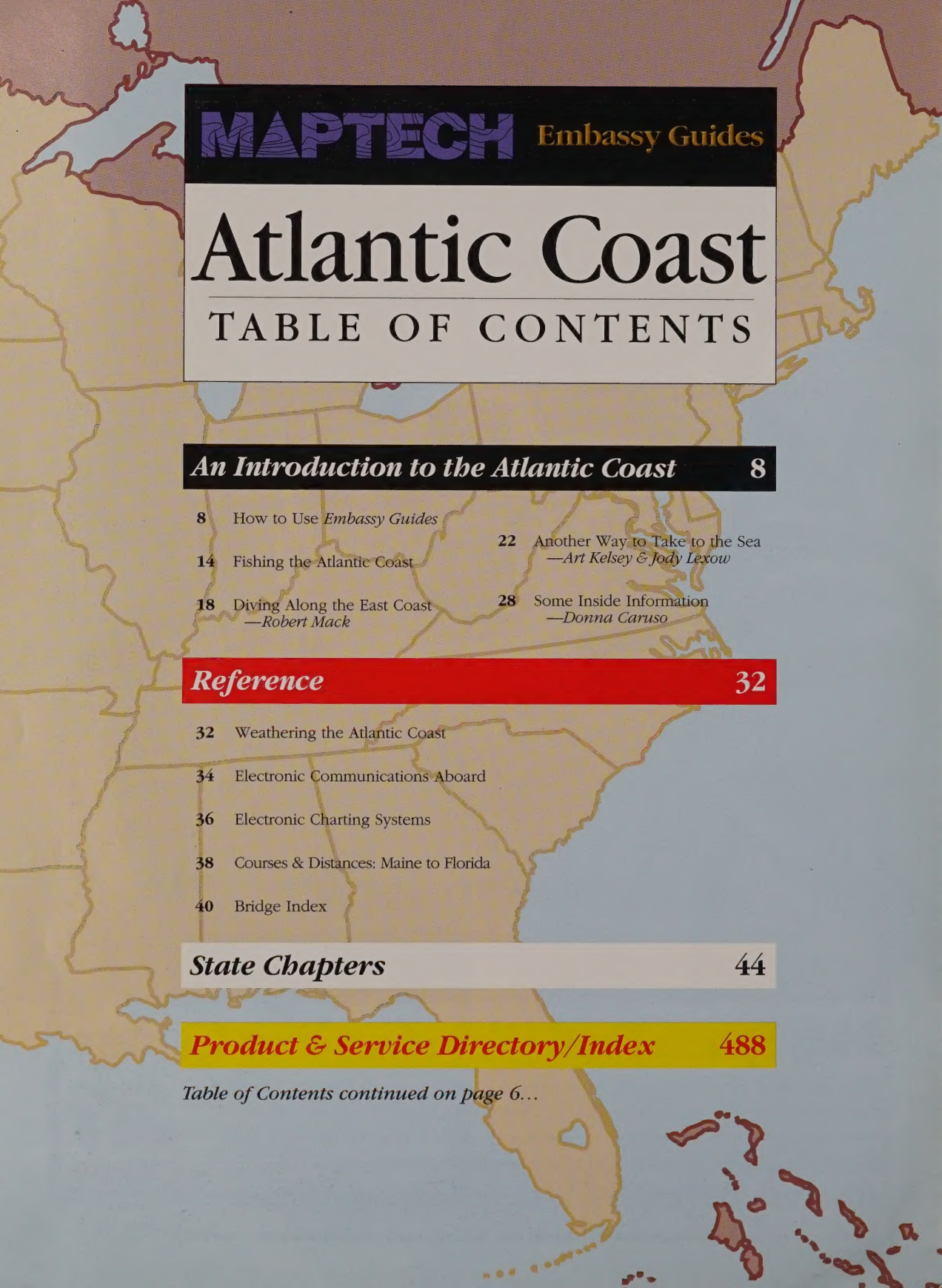
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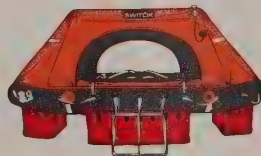
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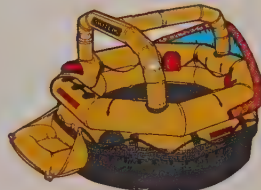
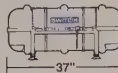
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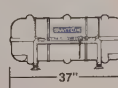
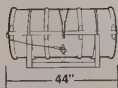
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- Soft Valise Size: 26" x 20" x 16" (6 person)



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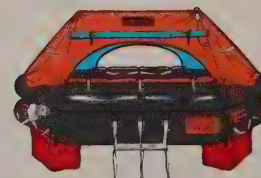
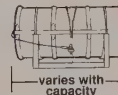
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— Embassy Staff

Introduction (pages 8 to 31): Boating isn't just going from marina to marina. It is learning about and having fun in the areas you are visiting. To help you appreciate and understand what you see, we asked the experts to give you a perspective on the worlds of fishing, scuba diving, and chartering. It is good reading and a great reference if you plan on taking a dive or casting a lure.

Reference Section (pages 32 to 43): Here you will find useful material such as a Bridge Index, weather info, course and distance data, and information on electronic communications.

State Chapters (pages 44 to 487): Each of the 14 states bordering the Atlantic on the East Coast of the United States is described in this section. The chapters and text are organized from north to south, and they include both navigational and sightseeing information in sequence. Each State Chapter is color-coded for easy reference and begins with a full-page map of the area so that you can get your bearings. All of the marinas offering slips or repairs for transients are located by region on the State Map and detailed either in a Harbor Highlight section or in the Marine Facilities Listings on the last pages of the State Chapters.

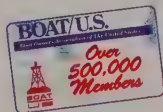
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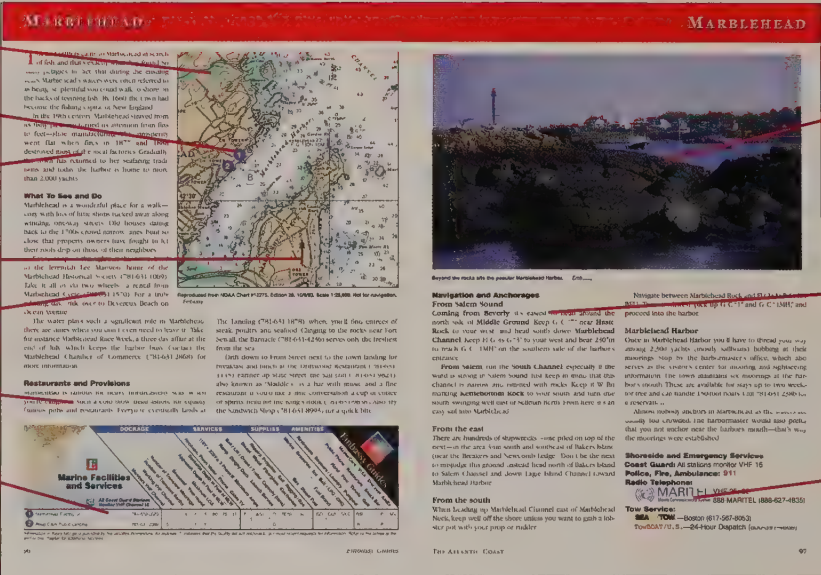


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MARBLEHEAD

A Introduction

Marblehead is a town in Essex County, Massachusetts, located on the northern shore of Salem Harbor. It is one of the oldest towns in the state, with a rich history of maritime activity. The town is known for its beautiful harbor, historic architecture, and vibrant community.

B History

The town of Marblehead was founded in 1629 by a group of Puritan settlers. It was one of the first towns to be established in the New England region. The town has a long history of maritime activity, with many of its residents being involved in the shipping industry.

C Geography

Marblehead is located on the northern shore of Salem Harbor. The town is bounded by the harbor to the south and the town of Salem to the east. The town is known for its beautiful harbor, which is one of the best harbors in the state.

D Climate

Marblehead has a temperate climate, with mild winters and warm summers. The town is known for its beautiful harbor, which is one of the best harbors in the state.

E Population

The town of Marblehead has a population of approximately 10,000 people. The town is known for its vibrant community, with many residents being involved in the shipping industry.

F Economy

The town of Marblehead has a diverse economy, with many residents being involved in the shipping industry. The town is also known for its beautiful harbor, which is one of the best harbors in the state.

G Culture

Marblehead has a rich cultural heritage, with many historic buildings and landmarks. The town is known for its vibrant community, with many residents being involved in the shipping industry.

H Harbor

Marblehead Harbor is one of the best harbors in the state. The harbor is known for its beautiful scenery, with many historic buildings and landmarks. The harbor is also known for its vibrant community, with many residents being involved in the shipping industry.

I Navigation

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J Facilities

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Harbor Highlights: Within each State Chapter are selected sections on popular harbors within that state. These miniature chapters include chart excerpts and history, sightseeing, dining, and navigation information.

Marinas are featured with information as to transient dockage availability, restaurants and other amenities, provisioning, and repair services available. A full-scale, full-color section of a NOAA chart is also included, pinpointing the location of the marinas. At the end of each chapter are all the important telephone and VHF numbers for the Coast Guard, radio telephone operators, and tow services.

Product & Service Directory and Index (pages 488 to 496):

Use this section of the Guide like the yellow pages of the phone book to find specific products or services. Here you will find diesel engine parts, sail lofts, insurance agents, surveyors, and all manner of things marine. Companies are listed by type of business in the Directory, and by name in the Index.

State Text: State Chapter Text is written from north to south, and includes both navigational and sightseeing information in sequence. This information will be most useful if read in advance of your trip with a ChartKit Waterproof Chart, a ChartKit chartbook, or a NOAA chart in hand so that you can see what is being discussed. Major landmarks and destinations are set in bold-faced type for easy scanning.

State Maps: State Maps give you the big picture so you can orient yourself and see where the marinas are located and

the distances between them. Marina Key Numbers are cross-referenced with the Marine Facility Listing and the Harbor Highlights.

A Harbor Charts: Every Harbor Highlight begins with a full-page, full-color section of the appropriate National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) chart for the area. Information that we add to the chart is always over-printed in the appropriate regional color. Our Harbor Charts are marked "Not for Navigation," as required by NOAA of all private publishers. NOAA requires that this admonition be included on all charts that they themselves do not publish because they cannot control the reproductions and, hence, cannot guarantee their accuracy.

B Marine Facility Locators: These show the location of virtually every transient marina, yacht club, boat yard, and repair facility on the coast. The locators are cross-referenced to the Marine Facilities Table on the adjoining page.

C Introduction: This section gives you some interesting historical and cultural background on the harbor and the town, and a feel for what contributed to its development and character.

D Compass Arrow: Every Harbor Chart contains a compass arrow showing of true north.

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E What To See and Do: This section describes the most popular attractions and events in the area. Telephone numbers are always given so that you can get up-to-the-minute information about schedules, admission rates, and the like. We also alert you to some of the free attractions of the area such as beaches, wildlife preserves, parks, and good fishing holes.

F Restaurants and Provisions: Culinary tastes vary, so we try to give you lots of choices. We will mention most restaurants immediately accessible to the waterfront and get progressively more selective as you go farther afield. We will also tell you where to find groceries, marine supplies, laundromats, banks, pharmacies, and other useful establishments.

G Facility Tables: Marine Facilities Tables provide detailed information about the transient-friendly marinas in the area and the services they offer. A page reference shows on which page more information and the Harbor Highlights can be found. Most of the categories are self-evident, but it should be noted that marina operators sometimes report their approach and dockside depths optimistically.

H Color Photographs: "A picture is worth a thousand words," so we usually give you at least one color photograph of each harbor to show you what to expect and to point out local landmarks.

I Navigation and Anchorages: Read this section before you head to a new harbor. Here you will find local knowledge about the tricks to dealing with the tides, currents, or traffic; where the hidden rocks are and how to avoid them; and how to find the choice anchorages. The heart of the text is a detailed description of the approaches and anchorages.

J Shoreside and Emergency Services: These are listed at the end of each State Chapter and Harbor Highlight. Here are all the important telephone and VHF numbers for the Coast Guard, radio telephone operators, and marine towing companies.

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Fishing the Atlantic Coast

No matter where your journey along the Atlantic coast takes you—from Eastport, Maine, to Key West, Florida—there are game fish to be caught. Only one question remains: how do you go about hooking them?

Of course, every type of angling requires specialized tackle of some sort, and there is no simple way to be prepared for every opportunity that arises. But it's safe to say that even the casual fisherman can handle most situations with but a few outfits.

For most boat fishing, a light conventional outfit consisting of a revolving spool reel, which can take at least 200 yards of 30-pound monofilament line, and a medium-action 6- to 7-foot rod will do. Almost any fish likely to hit a small lure can be handled with this, and there's sufficient power to drag the quarry in from a moving boat.

A spinning rig is another good choice, but not for trolling. A spinning combo should consist of a medium spinning reel capable of handling about 200 yards of 20-pound mono matched to a 7- to 8-foot two-handed spinning rod.

With gear in hand, now comes the tough part—finding the fish.

Fishing Guides

You may have the equipment and the yearning to catch game fish, but sometimes the pelagics don't cooperate—especially if you're unfamiliar with the territory and quarry. Suffice it to say, a fishless day is looked upon as favorably as a hole in your hull. If your knowledge of saltwater game is limited, your best bet is to hook up with someone who knows the ins and outs of the area—a fishing guide.

There is much that needs to be decided before picking a guide—what type of fishing you want to do, what fish you want to catch, what you want to learn, etc. The long and short of it is: before you head to the docks and ask

the first boat you see to take you out, be sure the guide is good, and be sure you know what you want. The amount of enjoyment you'll get out of one of these guides depends as much on you as it does on the guide.

Northern Fishing

Endowed with cold, deep water, productive bays, and still-viable nursery areas, the Northeast provides a smorgasbord wide enough to suit any angler's tastes.

Maine has a relatively short season with the height of the action from June through September. Those species readily available only south of Cape Cod from fall through spring can be caught in quantity in mid-summer off the Maine coast. **New Hampshire** has similar fishing along its short coast. The nearby **Isles of Shoals** area traditional hot spot for bottom fishing, and the IGFA world record cod (98 pounds, 12 ounces) was caught there in 1969. The **Piscataqua River** provides excellent striped river fishing.

Northern Massachusetts adds the productive Massachusetts Bay. **Stellwagen Bank**, one of the finest areas along the coast for giant tuna, cod, and pollock is close

to Gloucester and other northern ports. **Gloucester** has been the major port for the giant tuna fleet, which chases those valuable fish throughout the Gulf of Maine from July to October if the seasonal quota hasn't been caught. Many giant tuna boats also sail out of such ports as Newburyport,

Ipswich, Green Harbor and Provincetown. Trips to offshore ledges, such as **Jeffreys Bank**, **Cashes Bank** and **Georges Bank**, are the best bet for large cod, pollock and haddock during the summer.

Massachusetts has long been noted for striped bass,



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or striped, fishing also. There's excellent sport along the entire coast, but particularly off Cape Cod. From the **Cape Cod Canal** to **Provincetown**, there are numerous shore and boat opportunities for stripers of all sizes from May to October. Bluefish have been just as important to inshore sportfishermen since they reappeared in the 1960s.

Nurtured by rivers and streams, dotted with islands and reefs, sparkling with currents and eddies, the sheltered estuaries of the **Long Island Sound** provide the habitat for an exciting variety of food and game fish.

The rivers and coves host populations of winter flounder in spring and fall, while summer months find striped bass and bluefish cruising the same areas searching out crabs, shellfish, and small baitfish. Deeper waters contain other ground fish such as tautog (blackfish), scup (porgies), and black sea bass. Some seasons find mackerel migrating from southern waters in early April, just in time to provide bait for bass and bluefish anglers, and delectable treats from the backyard smoker.

Striped bass, growing to trophy weights of 60 pounds and more, move into western Long Island Sound from the Hudson River in early spring, while separate stocks from southern waters migrate up the Atlantic Coast to invade the eastern end. Bluefish explode onto the sound scene in early May, ravaging bait schools and tearing apart tackle—adding to the incurable epidemic known as “fishing fever.”

The right angle formed by New York's **Long Island** and New Jersey creates a natural fish trap for species migrating along the coast, creating some of the best fishing in the world in one of its most densely populated areas.

Besides yellowfin, bigeye and albacore tuna, white marlin, dolphin, and a few wahoo are found near the underwater canyons. Shark fishing is also big around here. There are a host of big-money tournaments with makos the featured species, though blues and threshers often take the early contests if waters are below 64 degrees. Huge tigers are normally the summer winners.

From July through October, big game attention shifts to

canyons requiring runs offshore of 80 miles or more. The most popular inshore species are bluefish, striped bass and fluke, or summer flounder. There's also a good amount of attention paid to weakfish, bonito, little tunny (false albacore), winter flounder, porgies, blackfish, sea bass, whiting, cod and mackerel.

Mid-Atlantic Fishing

Fishing changes gradually as you head south along the **Delmarva Peninsula**—the coasts of Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. **Chesapeake Bay** and its many river systems produce most of the migratory striped bass population from North Carolina to Maine, and fishing for that species is very important, though severely limited as to seasons, bag limits, and sizes.

Offshore fishing is good for school and medium bluefins on inshore lumps. Out over the canyons white marlin fishing is featured along with yellowfin and bigeye tuna, dolphin and wahoo. Sharking is also very important here.

Within a fairly short distance, fishing conditions change greatly south of Chesapeake Bay. **Virginia** anglers enjoy great fishing at the **Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel**, which acts as an artificial reef across the mouth of one of

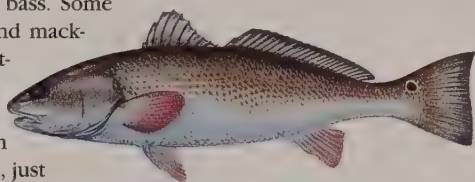
the largest and most productive bays in the world. The reef attracts weakfish, tautog, black drum, bluefish, and striped bass. **Virginia Beach** waters hold cold-water Atlantic mackerel in March, and get a variety of semi-tropical species by summer.

The Gulf Stream is only about 20 miles from Cape Hatteras and the **Outer Banks** of North Carolina. As such, you'll find some of the finest and most convenient bluewater trolling out of Oregon and Hatteras inlets. It's not a stretch to say that this area might be the blue marlin capital of the east coast, with large numbers hauled in from May to September. But dolphin are probably the most popular species sought by fishermen sailing from Outer Banks ports, and they are caught in vast numbers along the weed lines that accumulate along the edge of

the Gulf Stream.

The Outer Banks are just as noted for inshore fishing opportunities. Surf casting for redfish, bluefish, Spanish mackerel, spotted seatrout, and pompano is excellent at times, and a few specialists also catch large sharks from the beach at Cape Hatteras.

The shallow waters of **Pamlico Sound** produce lots of



large redfish and cobia as well as seatrout, flounder, spot, croaker, sheepshead, and many other small food and game fish. Tarpon specialists also have a shot during the summer.

Continuing south toward Georgia, the Gulf Stream slips farther offshore, but there's still effort directed toward marlin and tuna. The **Continental Shelf** provides opportunities for king and Spanish mackerel, bluefish, weakfish, sea bass, sheepshead, and other species. The vast network of bays, sounds and rivers is also worth checking out for spotted seatrout, redfish, cobia, tarpon, and sheepshead.

Southern Fishing

Florida's coast north of Cape Canaveral is quite different from the rest of the state's coast because the Gulf Stream swings well offshore and water temperatures drop much lower in winter. Offshore species include kingfish, Spanish mackerel, cobia, amberjack, wahoo, blackfin tuna, barracuda, sailfish and tarpon. Redfish, black drum, snook and seatrout are the popular inshore species.

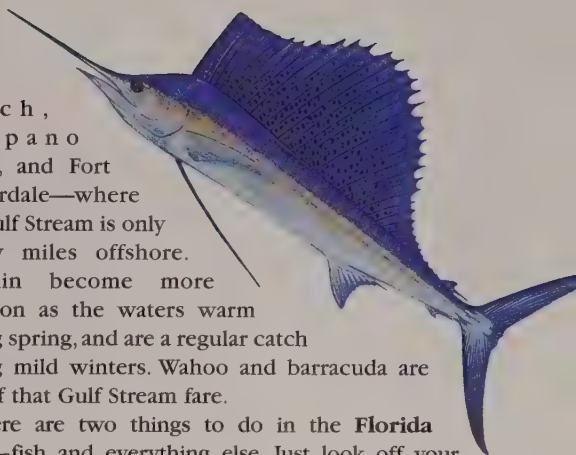
Offshore fishing changes greatly below Cape Canaveral as that all-important Gulf Stream flows close to shore. Rather than being the off-season, winter is prime fishing time from **Fort Pierce** south for sailfish and king mackerel. Unfortunately, that fishing tends to be best when northerly fronts move through and 6-foot seas prevail. Sailfishing tends to be best from Fort Pierce to Stuart, though it's certainly more convenient off Jupiter, Palm

Beach, Pompano Beach, and Fort Lauderdale—where the Gulf Stream is only a few miles offshore.

Dolphin become more common as the waters warm during spring, and are a regular catch during mild winters. Wahoo and barracuda are part of that Gulf Stream fare.

There are two things to do in the **Florida Keys**—fish and everything else. Just look off your bow and you'll find wide-ranging underwater environments harboring a cornucopia of fishing challenges. Nearly 60 lightning-fast, deep-tugging fish species roam these waters. The flats produces permit, redfish, bonefish and tarpon that will melt your reel. Head to the reefs and wrecks for a shot at pulling up the aquatic equivalent to a grand piano (amberjack), along with yellowtail snapper, grouper, and jacks. The bluewater of the Gulf Stream harbors deep-water denizens like dolphin, marlin, sailfish, shark and wahoo.

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ALONG THE EAST COAST

Crustaceans or crinoids, sport fish or sponges, historic wrecks or hysterically colorful reefs—your undersea dreams can be fulfilled anywhere along the Atlantic Coast. Conditions may not always be warm or calm, and visibility changes with region and season, but the diving can be spectacular. No matter how many years of experience you have under your weight belt, your dive day will be enriched by hiring a guide or going with a group organized by a local dive shop.

Remember, too, that diving is governed by both state and local laws that are enforced, sometimes to the tune of pocket-emptying fines or even jail time. Find out what the laws are where you're planning to dive and obey them—everyone will be much better off.

Down Under in the Northeast

For a long time, divers who enjoyed New England's rich waters felt like they had to defend themselves. Let's face facts: the water is cold, and visibility rarely extends to 40 feet. But these days more and more bubbleblowers are lured by the somber beauty of these chilly waters.

A nearly unlimited number of coves, bays, and inlets mark the rugged coast of **Maine**. The state's 2,500 miles of shoreline and nearly as many islands offer exciting, under-explored dive sites full of life. The strangest sea creatures on the planet thrive here: the lowly lumpfish, the grotesque goosefish, and the scarifying sculpin are just a few.

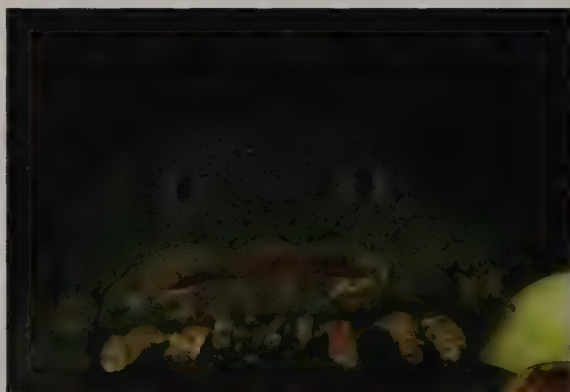
On **Massachusetts'** rocky North Shore and Cape Ann, dive into a glacially carved world of canyons and ridges full of seastars, soft corals, innumerable anemones, and more. The tip of Cape Cod offers you up-close views of whales, ocean sunfish, and countless wrecks. In Massachusetts Bay, you'll drop into a watery wilderness with the Boston skyline visible when you surface. Off the South Shore kelp-covered rocky reefs and wrecks dominate the scene. Plenty of the same marvels await off Martha's Vineyard.

Rhode Island spearfishermen seek striped bass, and wreck divers visit U-boats and wooden schooners. Narragansett Bay shore divers find accessible sites ranging from 10 to 150 feet in depth. In fall, some divers capture

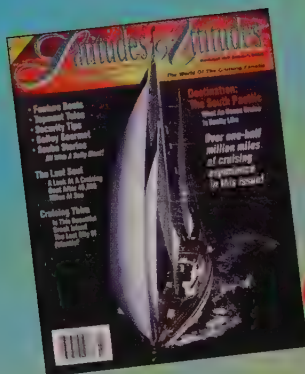
the tropicals borne north by the Gulf Stream; since this sea-life is doomed by winter, they altruistically take some home for their aquariums. Clarity runs up to 80 feet in late summer when the Gulf Stream swings close, but water temperatures seldom exceed 60° F, with sharp thermoclines.

Since **Connecticut** fronts on Long Island Sound, most dives are shallow and water clarity can be low. Pollution control measures have helped significantly in recent years, though, and Connecticut divers stay busy thanks to rocky reefs and abundant marine life. Be careful of swift tidal currents and heavy boat traffic.

Visitors to **New York** can take their pick of rocky, shallow Long Island Sound or deeper wreck dives off the Atlantic coast of Long Island. Water temperatures range from a summer surface high of about 72°F to a winter low near freezing. The Rye Breakwater, just east of White Plains, is a good spot to observe plentiful marine life. Further east on Long Island, the dives range from wrecks of paddlewheelers and World War I battle cruisers to drift dives through fish-filled inlets. Montauk's jetties offer good opportunities for macrophotography. For advanced divers, few spots on the island can beat Shinnecock Inlet.

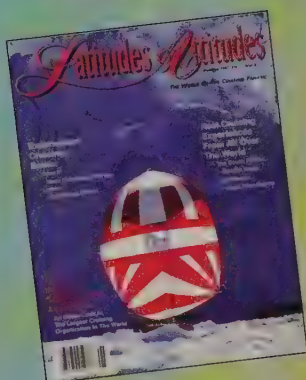


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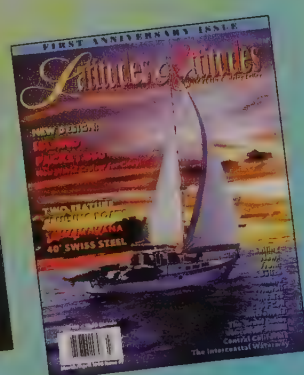
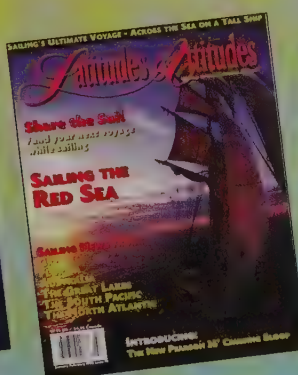
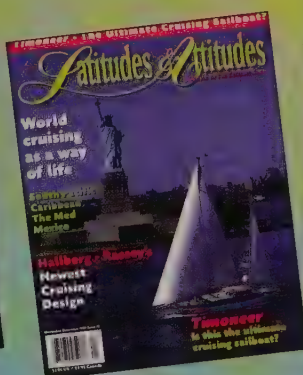
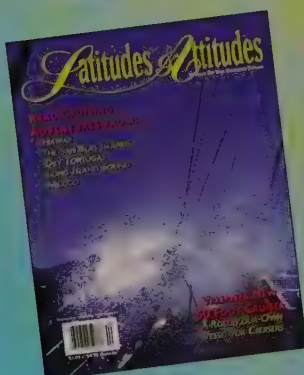
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Mid-Atlantic Variety

So many ships have sunk off **New Jersey** over the centuries that some divers refer to the area as the New Jersey Triangle. Most were caught in storms, collided with other vessels in crowded shipping lanes, or fell to U-boats. The wrecks offer artifact diving, lobstering, spearfishing, photography, and simply looking. Sands shift with every storm, exposing new sections regularly. From May through October, surface water temperatures rise to 70°F and visibility averages 20 feet. Shore diving off New Jersey is centered around jetties; be cautious of currents and boats.

Even tiny **Delaware** offers great diving. The outer Lewes Breakwater offers a superb mile-long run where you'll see tautog and flounder; currents can be strong. The Indian River Inlet farther south in the Delaware Seashore State Park is great, but you need permission from the park to dive. Farther offshore are areas such as Fenwick Shoals, where a sandy 50-foot bottom draws schooling fish.

Many **Maryland** divers come for the experience of eating just-picked oysters. Although water clarity is usually poor, artifact diving is popular, since Chesapeake Bay has served for centuries as a thoroughfare to Baltimore. The 30-mile stretch known as Calvert Cliffs is a rich fossil bed.



The gun mount of a U-352 attracts marine life and divers. © Bill Lovin

Temperatures on shallow dives can reach 70°F in warmer months but may drop to 50°F below the thermocline.

Virginia offers the clearest water in the Delmarva Peninsula. Artifact diving with underwater metal detectors, oyster collecting, and visiting offshore wrecks are the most popular diving activities. In the northern Chesapeake Bay, the Little Foxes Islands are a haven for underwater photographers. Much shore diving in southern Virginia takes place at Ocean View, where you can enter off the beach and search for relics left from a turn-of-the-century hotel that burned down. For better visibility and more exciting sealife, go offshore—to places like the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, where marine life thrives around the rock pilings supporting the massive structure. Check with local divers who know the safe spots away from the boat lanes. Visibility is best in fall and winter—up to 30 feet.

Wrecks and Reefs in the Southeast

With some of the best wrecks anywhere, **North Carolina** has earned its reputation as the Graveyard of the Atlantic. From the early 1500s through the Civil War, the Outer Banks earned the respect of every sailor. Clashing currents, roving shoals, natural magnetic irregularities, and wicked storms made for one of the most hazardous shipping lanes on Earth. World War II added an additional deadly element to this melting pot of disasters: submarine warfare.

The Gulf Stream deserves credit for the state's outstanding diving as well. Swinging close to the coast, it improves the water clarity from a visibility of 10 to 30 feet inshore to more than 100 feet at offshore sites. Summer water temperatures can reach well into the 80s, and the Stream brings such an assortment of life that most wrecks resemble an outpost of the Caribbean. The wrecks of Civil War blockade runners and modern steel vessels comprise the best dive sites in **South Carolina**. At first glance the murky water off Charleston might not seem like an appetizing dive site, thanks to all the silt—but go a few miles offshore, and the picture changes dramatically. A chain of artificial reefs stretches along the coast from 3 to 13 miles offshore, at depths between 40 and 75 feet.

Many sport divers have yet to discover one of our country's richest National Marine Sanctuaries, 16 miles off **Georgia's** Sapelo Island. Gray's Reef encompasses 17 square miles of limestone ledges at depths between 70 and 110 feet and is a breeding ground for the endangered loggerhead turtle. Visibility varies greatly, to a maximum of 50 feet. Georgia also has a large system of artificial reefs.

Fascinating Florida

Florida's list of attractions has made for books in themselves, but statistics tell all: 57 percent of all divers traveling within the continental U.S. make Florida their destination.

Many divers overlook Florida's northeast coast, but you can find some terrific summer dive sites here. Plan on a

long boat ride, since most spots are well offshore. Novices should plan a trip with experienced local divers.

The Fort Pierce area is gaining fame as a sport and shore diving haven. Three major reef lines lie close to shore, and deeper reefs begin 12 miles out, with large creatures and tropicals. Summer clarity ranges from 10 to 50 feet, with water temperatures into the 80s.

Without question, the Palm Beach area offers the wildest diving on Florida's Atlantic coast; the mighty current of the Gulf Stream comes closer to shore here than anywhere else. Most diving requires a boat ride of just 15 minutes or so, and visibility almost always surpasses 50 feet. Drift diving is usually practiced, but maverick and counter currents and winds spring up. Be prepared for anything.

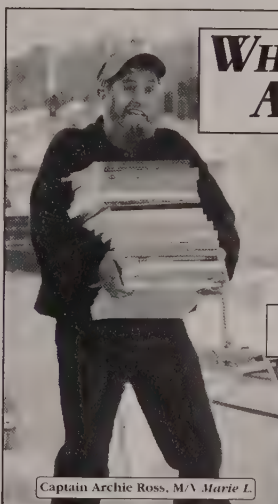
Fort Lauderdale is a smorgasbord with hundreds of dive sites along three distinct reef lines, as well as a good variety of wrecks. Miami is known for its shallow areas of extensive coral and fascinating deeper reefs. In recent years, thanks to a local artificial reef project, it's also become a wreck diver's mecca with many huge, intact vessels in deep water where visibility approaches 100 feet.

The **Florida Keys** wins hands-down the title of most popular dive destination in America—more than half a million divers and snorkelers visit every year. The only living coral reef off North America parallels the Keys four to seven miles offshore, creating a surreal world of

elaborate coral structures, dazzling fish, and untold shipwrecks. One reason divers relish the Keys is the warm water—about 85°F in the summer and a minimum of 69°F in the winter. On calm days, visibility can reach 100 feet, although 60 feet is more the norm.

Prepare and Enjoy

Diving anywhere along the East Coast can offer you a rich and varied marine environment. Be sure to do your research: contact local dive shops, which are usually most helpful in getting you acclimated and into their waters. Plan your dives in accordance with weather conditions; you can have a great dive on what seems like a dismal day, but it's less likely along the eastern seaboard. Above all, dive safely—know your equipment, practice your skills, and enter the undersea world with care. Keep in mind that the same vistas you're widening your eyes at today have been there for years and will continue to exist for others to enjoy, as long as everyone obeys local diving laws and does a lot more looking than touching.

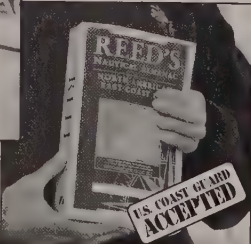


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Regardless of prime rates, job-market statistics, gasoline prices, roofs that need repair, foul-weather reports, and all sorts of other stormy seas, there is still a great company of stalwarts who agree with Kenneth Grahame. These sturdy souls will always find a way to take to the sea.

Many will cruise in vessels they own. Others will find a vessel to rent or charter. Be they large or small yachts, power or sail, captained and crewed or bareboat, in locations all over the world, chartering is alive and well.

For the charterer there are many options. Likewise, there are several questions that are asked, in one form or another, during the planning for that ideal vacation and challenge of the sea aboard a chartered vessel.

What Kind of Yacht Should We Charter?

This is usually addressed in terms of the purpose of your charter, which can range from a wedding, cocktail party, or dinner dance to a business meeting, family vacation, or fishing trip.

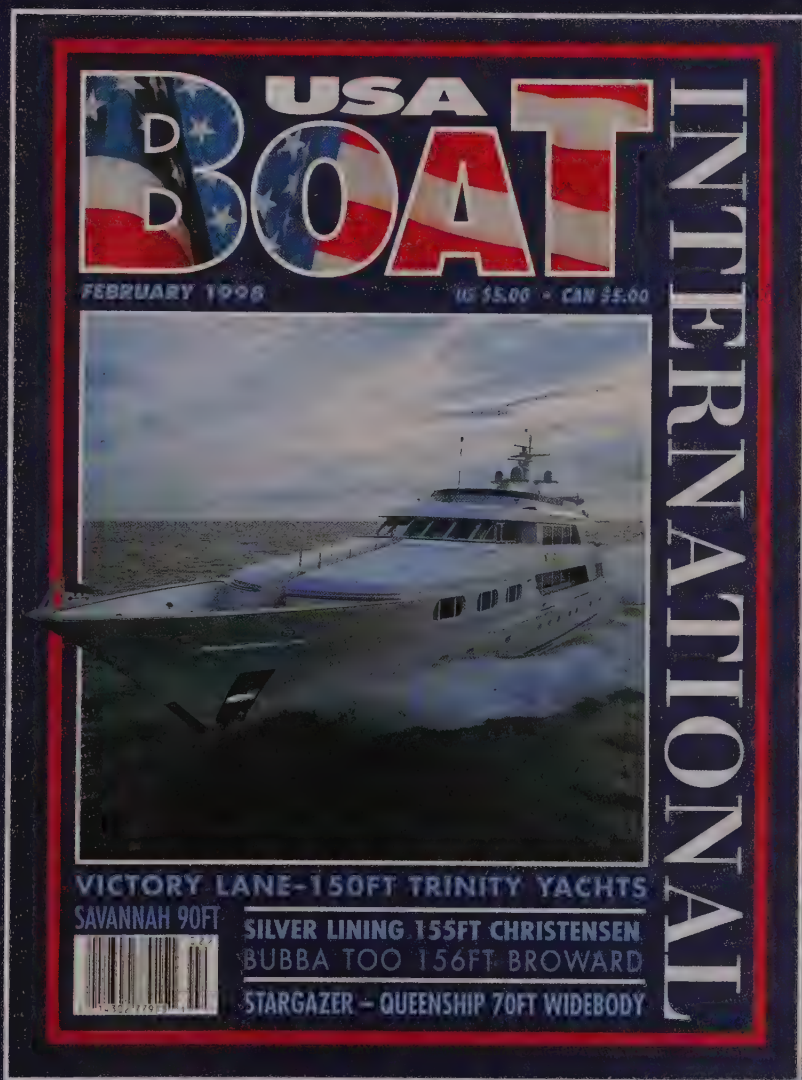
The next consideration is the number of people involved and the length of the charter. Accommodations for eating, sleeping, and personal needs should be

assessed carefully vis-à-vis the tastes and compatibility of your charter party. A party of six can have a great time for a three-day weekend aboard a 30-footer. An entire week aboard the same 30-footer might be a little taxing. Remember, on vessels of less than 50 feet there are rarely any secrets after the first couple of days.

Like any party or vacation, charters can range from the simple to the sumptuous, from haute-cuisine catered to bring-your-own picnic. Prices range accordingly. With this in mind, you would be wise to consider the amount of money you wish to spend before looking at boats, as this makes the "shopping" process easier and more productive. You should also request a detailed cost estimate from the charter broker or company outlining all potential expenses, including the charter fee, dockage, service, catering, fuel, and repositioning of the boat.

An important consideration when looking at charter vacations is whether you want a bareboat charter or crewed charter. A bareboat charter means the group renting the yacht does the sailing. A competent boating background, as established by resumé or other means prior to the actual rental, is absolutely necessary, both for reasons of passenger safety and potential repair

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expense. A skipper is designated by the group, and it is helpful for others on board to have boating experience, or plan to learn fast. This is an activity-oriented vacation, but part of the fun is finding a private spot to drop anchor and laze on the deck in the sun.

If you decide on a bareboat charter, you may want to pay special attention to the size of the vessel being considered. Experienced boaters will swear that larger vessels are easier to operate than smaller craft. These same seasoned sailors will also readily agree that the larger the craft, the greater the skill required. Chartering a large vessel in the interest of obtaining privacy without adequate skill can result in some seriously strained muscles and psyches, not to mention bank accounts (marine damage is never cheap to repair).

A bareboat experience, while still an adventure, can sometimes be taxing if sailing the boat becomes more work than play. In contrast, a crewed charter comes with a captain and/or crew, and often includes a cook. Particularly on larger yachts or in unfamiliar areas, a good crew can be essential. Even seasoned sailors enjoy a crewed charter. Most crews encourage guests to help with the sailing, and are happy to pass on their skill to the novice or compare stories with a fellow seaman.

If you are considering a crewed charter, you may be concerned about compatibility with the crew. This is where a trusted yacht charter broker can help. It is their business to know all the crews and boats they recommend. Crews are trained to serve, but not to intrude. Families with young children can really benefit from a crew willing to be maritime babysitters who can entertain the kids while mom and dad relax, not to mention the ease of having someone else cook.

Attention should also be directed next to some specifics about the particular vessel. This is particularly important for bareboat charterers, but also should be noted by those chartering with a crew. After all, whether you prefer to hop quickly from port to port or languish in a light breeze will determine the tempo of your vacation. If your choice is a powerboat, propulsion is certainly important. You will want to know whether it is a single or twin screw, diesel or gasoline, the fuel consumption, cruising range, and speed. In addition, electrical back-up systems should be assessed.

If your choice is an auxiliary sailing yacht, the same considerations are equally pertinent, with two exceptions. Auxiliary sailing vessels are powered by single engines. Their cruising speed is dictated by their hull design and ranges between 5 and 8 knots regardless of the size or type of engine. Power becomes most critical when maneuvering in close docking quarters or if caught in a strong tide with little or no wind. Sail inventory, running rigging such as reefing and furling systems, and number and size of winches, are obviously more important.

Whether you are in a powerboat or a sailing vessel, it makes little difference to Neptune. He sends the winds

and rain on the stink-potter and the rag-bagger alike. Simply be certain that the vessel is appropriately equipped for the worst conditions imaginable. Then sail only when it seems sensible.

Basic navigational instruments and aids are absolutely essential. The exact kinds and quantities vary. Compasses, charts, parallel rules, dividers, pencils, and at least one good tide and current reference work should be minimum inventory on any vessel, charter or otherwise. Beyond these essentials are a VHF marine radio, radar, LORAN, depth sounder, knot meter, and log. The list can become quite lengthy and some items are more useful than others, depending on the skill, preference, and experience of the user. However, there is no substitute for knowing the basics of navigation. There is nothing worse on the sea than not knowing whence you have come, whither you are bound, or where in the world you are at present.

Safety and emergency equipment are equally important. Safety harnesses, life preservers, fire extinguishers, flares, and basic spare parts are all items that can make a big difference in a crisis. If the charter-vessel inventory does not include these items, a carry-on kit is a worthy purchase.

Where is the Yacht Berthed?

It is preferable that your charter be berthed near the waters you'd like to sail. In the North, Maine offers a unique brand of beauty. But the rugged coastline and high incidence of fog make good piloting and navigational skills a must for bareboat charters. If you're unsure of your skills, go for a crewed charter. The best charter times are from June through the end of September.

The southern coast of New England all the way down to New York also offers some of the best boating in the world—ranging from the islands off Massachusetts to the Hudson River in New York. There is a variety of wind and sea conditions from early May well into October. There are dozens of ports and equally dozens of places to see and things to do on land, or ample opportunities to set a long-distance course and drive hard from dawn to dusk just for the joy of working with the sea.

Farther south, Chesapeake Bay offers a chartering season slightly longer than the more northern climes; charters are generally available from April through the end of October. More than 200 miles long, the Chesapeake offers sailing, fishing, the ports of Baltimore and Annapolis as well as isolated anchorages and small scenic towns. There are many rivers and estuaries you can explore on either the Virginia or Maryland shore of the Chesapeake.

One of the less well-known areas to charter on the East Coast is in North Carolina on the Pamlico and Albermarle Sounds. This area has the same season as the Chesapeake, but if you're sailing, winds are best at the start and tail end of the season. Steeped with pirate history and a unique southern atmosphere, you'll be pleasantly surprised should you decide to charter here.

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Florida chartering is most appealing when the temperature drops in the North—November through April. There are many delightful areas to charter in the state, but most would agree, the chartering jewel is the Florida Keys. If you're bareboat chartering, shallow-draft boats allow you to easily navigate the intracoastal route through the Keys. The Keys offer the best of scuba diving, snorkeling, and fishing (not to mention relaxing and watching the sunset).

And there is always the choice of chartering somewhere faraway or exotic. The Caribbean offers great year-round cruising. For the Mediterranean, Greece, and Turkey, the season is from April to October. For those with an interest in something off-the-beaten-track, cruising is also available in Australia, Alaska, Tahiti, and Thailand, among many other exciting places.

Overall, you should select your point of departure with attention to the location and the kind of cruising you and your party will enjoy the most. Remember that boats go more slowly than cars. An extra hour on the highway may buy you a whole day on the water, making it a lot more feasible for you to tie up or drop the hook in some of those ports you've always dreamed about approaching from the sea.

Who's Offering the Boat for Charter?

Whether it be a private owner, a charter broker, or a full-charter company with whom you do business, choose someone who knows and cares about the vessel you are chartering. A fairly complete inventory and checklist of equipment and a set of clearly written operating instructions for the vessel are indications of responsible charter management and can make your vacation a lot more pleasant. Likewise, a walk-through of all operating systems followed by a short shakedown cruise with someone who knows the vessel is invaluable. It will steal a couple hours at the beginning of your vacation but is well worth the effort in the long run.

Where Do We Find Charter Opportunities?

A charter broker is a good place to start. Brokers can advise you of the many options available. Also, many of the boating periodicals carry advertisements of charter opportunities regularly. Many even contain charter directories. An hour on the phone asking the appropriate questions will yield a host of possibilities. Then it's up to you to choose where you want to spend some time "messaging about" in a boat.



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We've all heard of the Intracoastal Waterway, that security blanket of East Coast boating. But how many of us know where it starts and where it ends? Ask around any marina and you'll get a variety of answers. Some say it begins in Maine; others insist that its northern limit is Norfolk, Virginia. Most agree it ends somewhere in Florida, but the exact terminus is fuzzy.

The Intracoastal Waterway is actually a series of projects linking many different bodies of water—sounds, rivers, swamps, canals, and channels—natural and manmade. Some of them are decidedly for shallow-draft boats, such as the inside route through the Florida Keys.

The Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway starts at the southern end of Chesapeake Bay. This stretch includes the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal Route and the alternate Great Dismal Swamp Route, rarely used by commercial traffic. This section is what most people mean when they speak of the start of the ICW, or as some delicately put it—The Ditch. If you start at Norfolk and add the miles all the way to Key West, you'll tally more than 1,243 statute miles. Marked at five-mile intervals on

charts, these statute miles are referenced by establishments along the ICW.

Although the Intracoastal Waterway, or ICW, is somewhat of a jigsaw puzzle in present day, it began as a cohesive vision. In 1808, U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Albert Gallatin submitted a plan to bind the new nation together with a government-sponsored system of roads and canals. He proposed the construction of an inland waterway from Boston, Massachusetts, to St. Marys, Georgia. The principal work was to be the construction of four canals, which he estimated would cost \$3 million. He thought that his whole program could be completed in 10 years.

Instead, the waterway came to be through a series of local projects, such as the Cape Cod Canal; the C & D Canal; the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal; the Great Dismal Swamp Canal, and the dredging of channels in existing rivers. The natural waters of the ICW include Long Island Sound, Chesapeake Bay, a chain of six sounds in North Carolina, Florida's Indian River, and other waterways that were already navigable or dredged to be so.

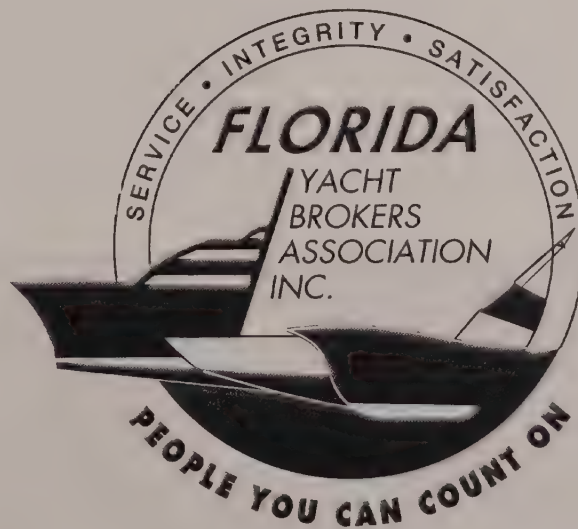


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Many recreational boaters soon began to take advantage of the ICW as well. The Army Corps. of Engineers has counted nearly 11,000 recreational boats passing through the Great Bridge Guard Lock south of Norfolk annually. That doesn't include a couple more thousand recreational boats using the nearby Dismal Swamp Canal route or coming and going on the waterway at other points.

But the true beauty of the ICW is its uniqueness. Although an intracoastal route cuts through Florida and snakes along the Gulf Coast, there is nothing comparable on our west coast. The ICW is largely protected by the unique barrier islands that, although far from static, take the brunt of the Atlantic Ocean's onslaughts, leaving boaters with a buffered-down version of weather.

Were it not for the natural lay of the eastern coastline, the Waterway might not be there at all. So if you're complaining about its inconveniences (i.e., depths), remember that some coastal projects have been delayed to protect the natural coastline and ward off erosion.

The Intracoastal does have its downfalls, though. You have to wait for bridge openings; you have to be aware

of commercial traffic and some strong tidal currents; you have to watch that you don't slide absentmindedly onto the bottom in certain areas. As usual when you take to the water, planning ahead forestalls most of these problems. Your trip down the ICW should be alert but it doesn't have to be apprehensive.

If you're going to travel down the Intracoastal, you'll have some homework to do. First and foremost, always have detailed charts for all sections of the Waterway you're planning to cruise. Secondly, read them. You'll need to be especially aware of bridges and depths.

The minimum overhead clearance of fixed bridges over the ICW is 56 feet, which is at Julia Tuttle Causeway in Miami; all other fixed bridges have a 65-foot clearance. For other "bridges, you'll often have to request openings or check ahead for scheduled openings during restricted hours. (See Embassy's Bridge Index.)

Many of the bridges monitor VHF 9 and 13, so a VHF radio is usually your best bet for bridge communications. Radio contact should include calling the bridge by its proper name, then giving your vessel's type, name, position, and direction. You may also request an opening by horn with one prolonged blast of four to six seconds and one short blast of one second, or you can signal visually with a white flag or light raised and lowered vertically.



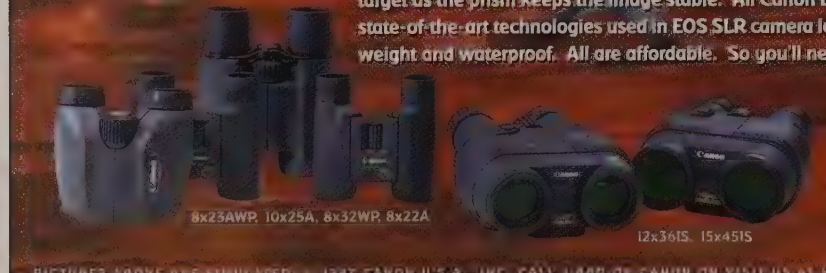
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VHF is also invaluable for determining the actions of commercial craft on the waterway. Channel 13 is used for navigational communications on commercial vessels; you may want to monitor the channel to determine the intentions of large craft.

If you take the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal route, you'll encounter one lock, the Great Bridge Lock. If you take the Dismal Swamp Canal Route, you'll encounter two: the Deep Creek Lock in Virginia and South Mills Lock in North Carolina. You should signal the lockmaster between three-quarters and one-quarter of a mile from the lock with two long and two short blasts of the horn. You'll know the lock is available when you get a green signal, usually a light or flag. You should use bow, stern, and spring lines and fenders when locking.

Depths are another part of the Intracoastal equation. Officially, the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal from Norfolk, Virginia, to Fort Pierce, Florida, has project depths of 12 feet, and from Fort Pierce to Miami depths of 10 feet. Unofficially, it's a good idea to have oars for your dinghy and a sounding pole marked with your boat's draft in case you have to search for deep-enough water. Any local knowledge you can pick up along the way will be helpful. Also, try to navigate midchannel if other traffic is not present. Here are some specifics to keep in mind:

The Great Dismal Swamp Canal is maintained at only 6 feet due to reduced use by commercial traffic; the Alligator River-Pungo River Canal may have low depths, and the sides of the canal are foul with debris and submerged stumps—try to navigate midchannel; shortly after entering South Carolina, the land cut between Statute Miles (SM) 347 to 365.5 should be navigated with caution. Rock ledges abut both sides of the channel at narrow portions (one section is called the Rock Pile).

Aside from knowing what's up ahead, you should also think about where you'll need to be at a given time for provisioning, fueling up, or for any other reason. For example, if someone is leaving the boat, make sure you drop them off at a town near an airport or one with bus service. Cab rides can get mighty expensive.

Mail can be delivered to General Delivery if you plan ahead and notify the post office that you want your mail held. Although ATMs can be found at many stops, you won't always find them in the less populated areas where you will still need good old cash.

Once you've planned appropriately, enjoy the waterway—eerie swamplike runs, cypress stumps, the osprey and egrets, saltmarshes, wide sounds, and long barrier beaches. The experiences to be had are as varied as the type of craft you'll encounter on your trip. ♦

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\$50	\$12 ⁹⁰
\$150	\$15
\$350	\$40
\$500	\$55
\$850	\$85

*Up to your selected service level.

Weathering the Atlantic Coast

Atlantic Coast weather can challenge your navigation skills. Local conditions are as varied as the states from Maine to Florida, but certain weather conditions are common to the coastal area. They range from “Nor’easters” to hurricanes, fog to rain, and calms to windy cold fronts.

Fog and Rain

Visibility is generally fairly good along the coast, but it can be hampered by **fog**, **rain**, and **haze**. Fog is usually the most restrictive to navigation, often reducing visibility to less than a quarter of a mile.

Fog forms when warm, moist air moves across colder water (**advection fog**), when very cold air moves over warmer water (**steam fog**), or when moist air is cooled to near its dew point by radiation (**radiation fog**) or rainfall (**precipitation fog**).

The entire Atlantic Coast is susceptible to radiation-type fog often forming shortly after sunset on cool, calm, clear nights. This fog generally does not extend any great distance seaward, but may seriously restrict harbor activities. It usually burns off during the morning hours.

Waters north of Cape Cod, and especially Maine, are known for coastal fog, a type of advection fog. In summer, decreasing water temperatures combined with warm air from the south or southwest can create large patches of fog that last for days. Advection fog also occurs farther south due to the warm air of the Gulf Stream blowing over the cooler near-coastal waters.

Fog often occurs over land and water in opposition. So don’t use poor visibility at inland or sheltered harbors as a guide to conditions at sea or in approaches. The areas at the heads of bays and rivers may be clear while the fog is quite thick outside.

Land fog is most frequent in fall and winter, sea fog in spring and summer. Sea fog occasionally drifts onshore on hot summer days. In addition to fog, **rain** can reduce visibility over both land and water along the coast while haze and smoke can restrict visibility over land.

Cold Fronts

These often sharp boundaries between relatively warm air and cold air usually approach the Atlantic Coast from the west and head north. Ahead of the front, winds are usually squally and often blow out of the south through southwest. Atmospheric pressure falls moderately and seas become choppy; showers, and sometimes thunderstorms, appear.

During the spring and summer, a line of thunderstorms, known as a squall line, may develop. These instability lines can form 50 to 300 miles ahead of a fast-moving front and may contain tornadoes or waterspouts.

Once the front passes, winds shift rapidly to the west and northwest. Strong gusts and squalls continue. Clearing usually occurs a short distance behind the front as the cold air moves in. Cold fronts can move through quite rapidly. Their frequency decreases with latitude.

Nor’easters

These winter-type storms are most intense from fall through spring. Called extratropical cyclones, they generate hurricane-force winds and vary in size from 100 miles to nearly 1,000 miles in diameter.

Many such systems develop in the Gulf of Mexico and move across central or northern Florida, then up the East Coast. While these storms are usually well forecasted, they can develop explosively, particularly off Cape Hatteras.

The most dependable early indicator of such a storm is falling atmospheric pressure. A definite weather change is likely if you observe pressure falls exceeding 2 mb every 3 hours; a drop of 5 mb in 3 hours indicates a strong change; 10 mb in 3 hours warns of an impending extreme event.

December through February is the heart of the storm season when, even in southeastern waters, an average of 4 to 6 storms per month arise. In more northern states, especially Maine, as many as 10 of these storms can hit the area in a single month.

Tropical Cyclones: Depressions, Storms, and Hurricanes

The most disastrous storms of the North Atlantic are the notorious tropical cyclones—better known as hurricanes in their fully developed stage. Tropical cyclones include tropical depressions, tropical storms, and hurricanes.

A hurricane starts as a depression and escalates to a tropical storm before it reaches its fully developed hurricane stage. In small hurricanes, the diameter of the area of destructive winds may not exceed 25 miles. In some of the greatest storms, the diameter may be as large as 500 miles. At the center is a comparative calm known as the “eye of the storm,” which may be as little as 7 miles in diameter but is rarely more than 30 miles.

An average of nine tropical cyclones form yearly, reaching at least tropical storm density. About five of these reach hurricane strength, and about two reach the United States. The entire Caribbean area, the Gulf of Mexico and its coastal regions, and the Atlantic Coast are subject to these storms during the hurricane season, from June through October (peaking in September). Infrequently, hurricanes have developed in May and November, and even in other months.

A hurricane is to be avoided at all costs. Fortunately, tropical depressions are well tracked and reported on by the National Hurricane Center in Miami, Florida., warnings are issued using the following terminology:

Tropical Depression: A tropical cyclone in which the maximum sustained surface wind is 33 knots or less.

Tropical Storm: A tropical cyclone in which the maximum sustained surface wind ranges from 34 knots to 63 knots.

Tropical Storm Warning: A warning that tropical storm conditions are expected in a specified area within 24 hours or less.

Hurricane: A tropical cyclone in which the maximum sustained surface wind is 64 knots or more.

Hurricane Watch: An announcement that hurricane conditions pose a possible threat to a specified coastal area within the next 36 hours.

Hurricane Warning: A warning that sustained winds of 64 knots or higher are expected in a specified coastal area within 24 hours or less.

What to Do in a Hurricane

Here are some general guidelines to follow when a hurricane is forecast.

If you are at or close to shore:

- Monitor the weather reports closely. You can track the hurricane's course using the coordinates given by the National Hurricane Center to determine if it will hit your area.
- If possible, move your boat into a hurricane hole, or well back into a winding river or canal.
- Keep your boat as far away from other boats as possible.
- Run additional dock or mooring lines. Either use bow and stern anchors and lines to keep the boat well away from docks, or keep it close to the dock and rely on fenders to protect the boat.
- Use plenty of chafing gear in chocks. Use two or more anchors.
- Seal windows, door, and hatches with duct tape to keep boat watertight.
- Shut sea cocks. Plug unvalved through-hulls.
- Remove anything on deck that can be blown away.
- Remove any loose items from the cabin.
- DO NOT stay on the boat.

There are three schools of thought concerning the handling of a boat while at sea during a hurricane. They are:

- Active: Take an evasive course and get out of the storm.
- Passive: Shut down and wallow.
- Defensive: Just maintain steerageway, keeping the wind and seas either off the bow or the quarter.

Weather Broadcasts

Your best access to up-to-date weather information is through the broadcasts by NOAA's National Weather Service. Coastal marine warnings and forecasts are issued every six hours over VHF-FM radio. On the East Coast, broadcast times are at 4:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m., and 10:30 p.m. (add one hour during daylight savings time). These forecasts include winds, sea heights, and weather conditions for the next 36 hours, as well as small craft advisories, gale warnings, storm warnings, and tropical storm or hurricane warnings.

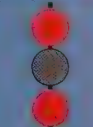
Continuous taped weather transmissions are also broadcast 24 hours a day. They include weather and radar summaries, wind observations, visibility, sea and lake conditions, detailed local forecasts, and other information. The transmissions repeat taped messages every four to six minutes; they are updated every two to three hours. These routine transmissions are interrupted for severe weather warnings.

Weather broadcasts for the Atlantic Coast are received primarily on the following VHF channels: WX-1 (162.559 MHz); WX-2 (162.400 MHz); WX-3 (162.475 MHz). You will usually be able to receive the broadcasts within 40 miles of the transmitting antenna.

You can receive Marine Services Charts (MSC) for your area that include locations of weather radio transmitters, Coast Guard stations, and marine observation sites as well as locations, times, and frequencies of marine broadcasts from the National Ocean Service, Distribution Branch (N/CG33), Riverdale, MD 20737; (301-436-6990).

Marine Warnings and Displays

Warning flags and symbols are an immediate signal for caution. Use these as an adjunct to other information, not as a primary source. The warnings, flags in daytime and lights at night, are displayed at prominent points along the coastline, such as Coast Guard stations, lighthouses, and docks. They are as follows:

	Small Craft Advisory	Gale Warning	Storm Warning	Hurricane Warning
Daytime Signal				
Night Signal				

Weather Maps

You can also get weather information from maps in newspapers or on television, or charts transmitted by the National Weather Service by radiofacsimile. To receive the NWS charts by radiofacsimile, you can tune into the proper frequency for your area during the correct transmission time. For the frequencies and schedules for different areas, order the NOAA publication "Selected Worldwide Marine Weather Broadcasts" from the Government Printing Office by calling (202-783-3238).

Electronic Communications Aboard

Calling for help in an emergency is the single most important use of your boat's communication system. But the ever-growing services available to boaters through these systems make them more than just safety devices. You can stay in constant touch with a fellow cruiser, keep up-to-date on weather reports, call home when you're in the middle of the ocean, or use a cellular phone dockside as you would at a vacation home.

It's important that you know the proper procedures for using communications aboard your boat. The primary vehicles for distress calling are **VHF** and **single sideband (SSB)** marine radio systems. **CBs** and **cellular phones** are more appropriate for personal use.

The following is meant to clarify the use of communications aboard your boat.

VHF Marine Radio

Thanks to the passage of the Telecommunications Reform Bill (1996), The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) no longer requires recreational boaters to license their **VHF marine radios**. In some cases, however, an operator license will still be required. For further information or a license application, write: FCC Private Radio Bureau Licensing Division, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245.

Each of the channels on your VHF has a specific use, as authorized by the FCC. A partial listing of the 48 marine channels follows:

Ch. 06 156.300 MHz

Intership Safety Frequency

Mandatory on all VHF sets. Only use for communicating with the Coast Guard and other rescue vessels.

Ch. 09 156.450 MHz

Ship-to-Ship and Ship-to-Shore

Ch. 13 156.650 MHz

Commercial, Ship-to-Ship, and Bridge and Lock Tenders.

Reserved for navigational communication. Commercial vessels must monitor it at all times.

Ch. 16 156.800 MHz

National Distress Frequency

Monitored continuously by the Coast Guard. All boaters are required to monitor channel 16 when the unit is on.

Ch. 22 157.100 MHz

Primary Coast Guard Communication Channel

Used for communications with the Coast Guard only after establishing contact on channel 16. Weather reports and Notices to Mariners are broadcast with schedules announced on channel 16.

Ch. 68 156.425 MHz

General Calling, Ship-to-Ship, and Ship-to-Shore

For general communication. Limited to pleasure craft, shore stations, and Harbormasters. Use channels 09 (also used by commercial vessels), 69, 71, and 78 as alternates.

Ch. 72 156.625 MHz

General Calling, Recreational, and Ship-to-Ship

Limited to pleasure craft contacting other pleasure craft.

Ch. WX1 162.550 MHz through WX7 162.525 MHz

NOAA Weather Reports

Forecasts are broadcast on these channels 24 hours a day.

SSB Radio

Single sideband radio equipment operates on **medium frequencies (MF)** or **high frequencies (HF)** between 2MHz and 30 MHz. It is useful for long-distance communications (distances beyond 20 miles).

You cannot obtain a ship station license for an SSB installation alone; you must also have a licensed VHF radiotelephone system. Because of the necessity of a good grounding system, the SSB must be installed by an FCC licensed technician.

The use of the 2 to 3 MHz band when in harbors, ponds, lakes, or rivers is prohibited for intership communication. It may still be used for distress communications or to contact a public correspondence station if beyond VHF range.

The international distress and calling frequency for those



VHF Radio

with MF radiotelephone is **2182 kHz**. Some of the more popular carrier frequencies in the MF band follow:

2082.5 kHz and 2638 kHz

Intership Safety. May be used in all areas. May also be used for operational and business communications provided there is no interference to safety communications.

2670 kHz

Coast Guard frequency. May be used to receive Coast Guard broadcasts of navigational warnings and coastal weather forecasts and warnings. May also be used to communicate

with Coast Guard ships and shore stations after first establishing contact on 2182 kHz.

2738 kHz

Intership Safety. May be used in all areas except Great Lakes and Gulf of Mexico. May also be used for operational and business communications provided there is no interference to safety communications.

Making Ship-to-Shore Calls

When making ship-to-shore calls:

- Set your VHF radio to the nearest MariTEL channel (see Shoreside and Emergency Information at end of each Harbor Highlight section for appropriate channel listing).
- If the channel is in use, you'll hear a series of beeps (the MariTEL busy signal). Try again in a few minutes, or try another available MariTEL channel.
- If the channel is clear, press the VHF microphone button and hold it down for 6 seconds.
- An automatic recording will answer, indicating that you have reached the MariTEL system. After hearing the message, depress and hold your VHF microphone for 6 seconds more.
- A MariTEL operator will answer and ask for your MariTEL subscriber number and the phone number you wish to call. If you haven't yet subscribed to MariTEL, you can make a collect call or use a credit card. MariTEL's privacy feature ensures that your billing information can not be overheard. Your call will be connected just like a regular call.

Charges begin once both parties are connected. There is no charge for busy signals or unanswered calls. Non-subscriber calls cost \$7.27 for the first three minutes, and \$1.59 per minute for domestic calls at the time of this writing. Subscriber calls can cost as little as \$.99 per minute, depending on your plan, with no minimum connect time, long distance fees, or roaming charges.

To place shore-to-ship calls, simply dial 888-MARINE2 (888-627-4632) and provide the MariTEL Operator with the name of the vessel and its approximate location. The MariTEL Operator will attempt to hail the vessel on channel 16. If the vessel does not respond, MariTEL will attempt to raise the vessel every three to four hours for a 24-hour period.

To learn more about MariTEL, channel information and subscription plans, call 888-MariTEL (888-627-4835).

High Seas Radiotelephone

With SSB equipment you can make ship-to-shore calls from long distances offshore. Two AT&T high seas radiotelephone service coast stations are located on the east coast: **WOO** in Manahawkin, N.J., and **WOM** in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Each monitors a line of channels and frequencies. Your proximity to the stations is not necessarily a factor in which one you should use, although it is best to try the closest station first.

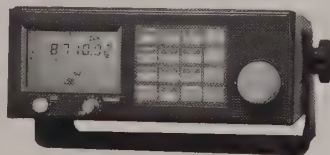
You can also get technical information on using the service by calling one of the stations: **WOM 800-538-5936**; **WOO (Call Collect) 1-609-597-2201**.

When making a high seas call to a shore operator, it's important that you transmit:

- The station you are calling
- The channel you are calling on
- Your boat's name
- Call sign
- Approximate location

Once you have given all this information, wait for the response. If you don't hear it within 20 seconds, try again. If you still don't get a response, try another channel.

For high seas shore-to-ship calls to the Atlantic Ocean, the on-shore party should call 800-SEA-CALL. Be sure to monitor your radio if you expect a call. For more information on VHF or SSB, please consult the Maritime Radio Users Handbook, which may be purchased from the Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM), Box 19087, Washington, DC. 20036; or write to the FCC, 201 Varick Street, New York, New York 10014.



Single Sideband Radio

Citizens Band (CB) Radio

CB radios are intended primarily for conducting personal or business communications over a short range. You may use CB equipment aboard your boat on **40 channels** on a shared basis to communicate with other CB stations.

Channel 9 in the Citizens Band has been designated as an emergency channel. Certain Coast Guard stations monitor channel 9 on a secondary basis. CB provides an alternative means of alerting the Coast Guard for boaters not equipped with other systems. But remember, CB service is not a substitute for the marine distress system.

For all radio systems, you should consult the owner's manual supplied with your system for particular specifications and operation.

Cellular Telephones

The advent of cellular technology has enabled boaters to have all the advantages of personal telephones aboard boats. A cellular telephone emits a signal to on-shore cell sites, maintained by private companies. The cell site then transmits the signal to a switching office where your call is put through the telephone lines. Because cellular calls are dependent on shore cell sites, their range will vary. They are generally a near-coastal means of communication.

Networks have been developed that enable you to make or receive calls from different regions. When you purchase equipment, you should be provided with detailed information on how to use the cellular phone. Consult a local communications dealer for more information.

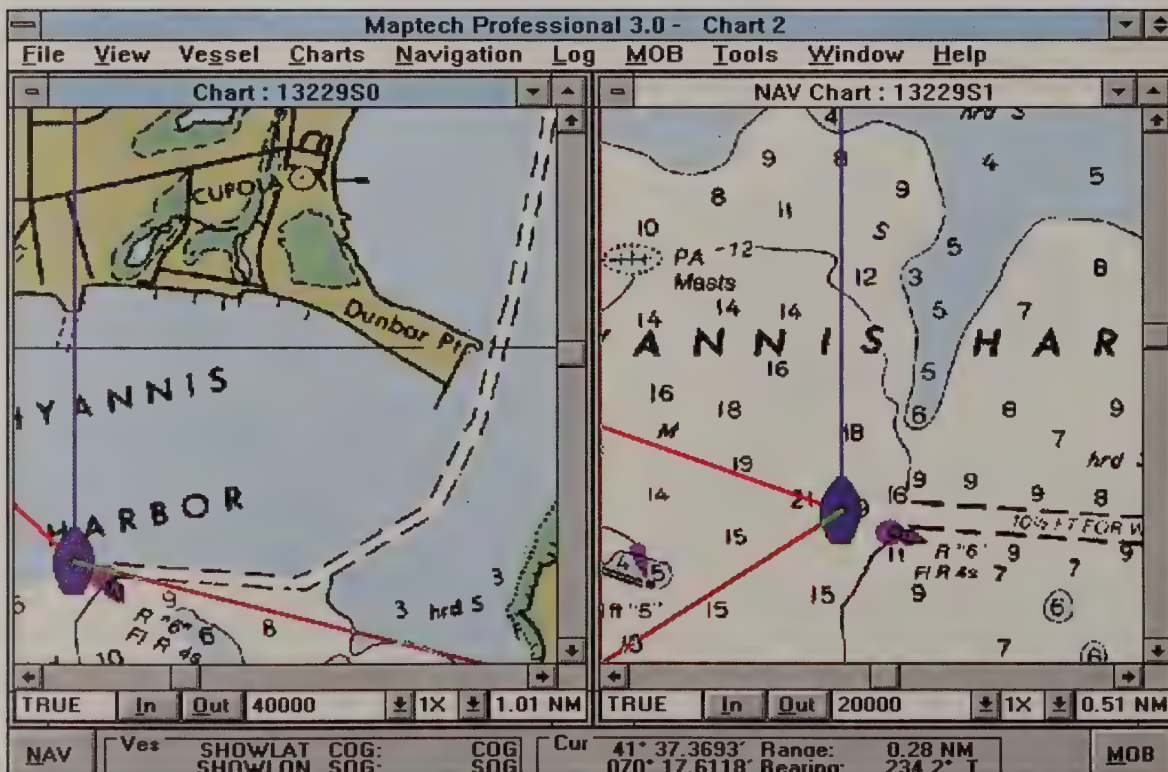
ELECTRONIC CHARTING SYSTEMS

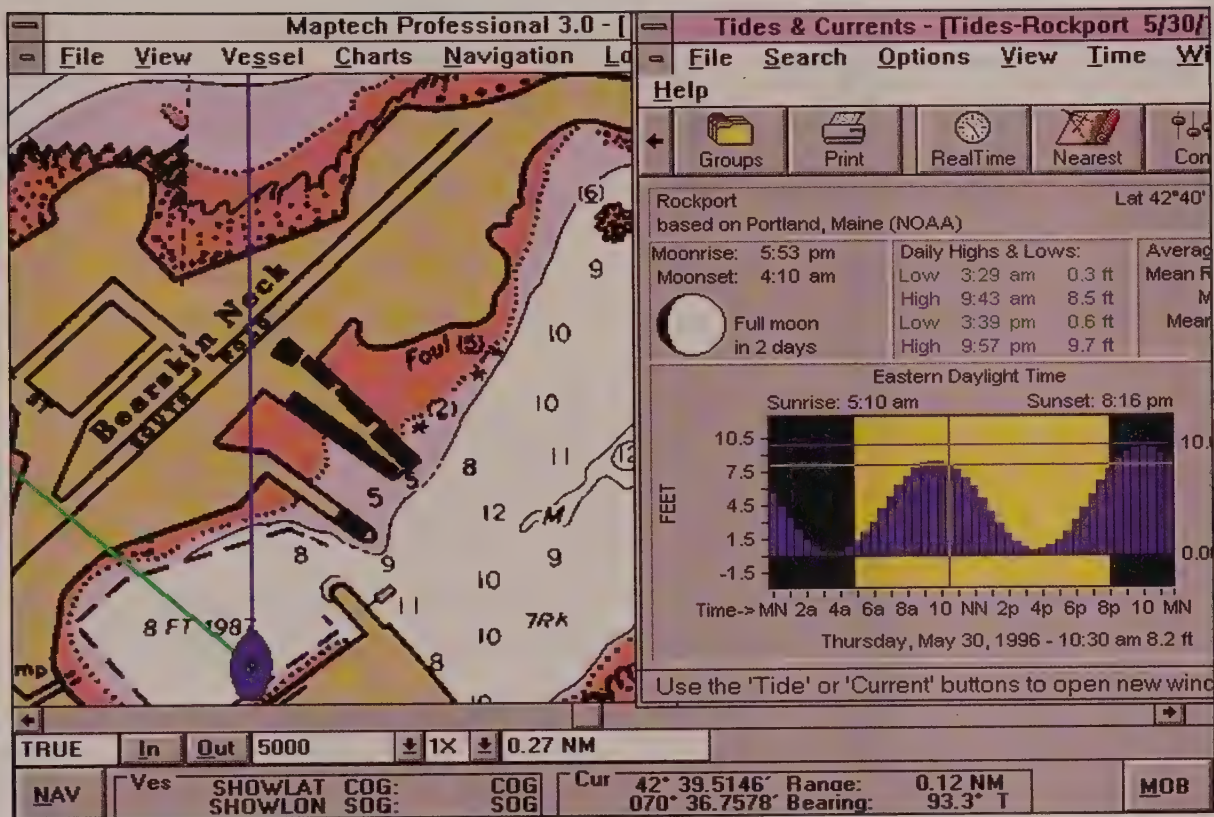
Five years ago, a computer on a boat smaller than a megayacht was unusual. But today, technological advances have sent computer prices tumbling and popularity soaring. Many boats of only 30 feet in length carry computers aboard, their owners enjoying the benefits of clearer and broader navigational horizons.

These new technologies are important to understand because they can dramatically improve the pleasure and safety of cruising. With a computer on your boat, you can connect your global positioning system (GPS) to an electronic chart navigation program to provide "real-time" vessel position: there's *your* boat moving in the same direction and at the same speed across the electronic chart as your

real boat is moving across the water. These "electronic charting systems" also provide wonderful route planning functions in addition to tide and current information. Weather fax data, radar, and various engine function information can also be incorporated into these systems.

With electronic systems becoming an accepted aid to navigation, creation of electronic charts has rapidly developed. Two types of charts have emerged for use with personal computers as well as dedicated chart-plotters. Developed first, and still most common with boaters, are dedicated hardware chart-plotters which use "vector charts." The best known producers of vector charts are C-Map and Navionics. A vector chart is a computer enhanced





black & white tracing of the original paper chart on a latitude and longitude coordinate grid. As you might imagine, vector charts are expensive and time-consuming to create. While it's possible to create a chart in a vector format that is a complete representation of the original paper chart, vector charts publishers selectively omit information to reduce production time and cost. Consequently, most vector charts don't look like the original paper charts and are subject to errors being introduced through the tedious manual process of converting chart data to vector format. The advantage of these charts is they require relatively small amounts of computer storage, and the data they contain can be easily referenced by a computer.

Another electronic chart production process known as "raster scanning" was introduced more recently and has exploded in growth. Resolution Mapping, which produces charts under the Maptech brand name, and BSB Electronic Charts, are the two best known suppliers of raster charts for the marine industry. Raster scanned charts represent an exact full-color image of the original paper chart and are relatively easy to create compared to vector charts. A raster image is produced by digitally scanning a paper chart. The quality of the chart depends on the resolution or dots per inch (dpi) at which the chart is scanned and the effectiveness of the process used to compress and clean the image. Image files of 300-400 megabytes are created from the scanning operation. These must be reduced in size to fit effectively

in a computer's storage area. Using proprietary mathematical techniques that compress chart data for storage, Resolution Mapping has reduced its Maptech raster-charts to one megabyte without a loss of chart clarity or data. Reducing the file size is valuable when storing the charts on the computer's hard drive or CD-ROM. At one megabyte per chart, over 500 full-color chart images can be stored on one CD-ROM disc.

Most "electronic charting systems" are now PC-based. As technology continues to race ahead, dedicated hardware systems such as GPS/chart-plotters from Garmin and Northstar, which have used vector charts because of storage constraints, will incorporate raster-scan charts. For the pleasure boater, the best choice of an electronic navigation system will be a software navigation product that operates on a general purpose PC with raster-scanned nautical chart technology. The cost of the system, chart clarity and availability, and rapidly improving PC technology make this selection a sure winner.

With a general purpose PC, the boater has the added benefit of being able to use it for other software programs. The possibilities are endless. Marine programs such as tides and currents data, celestial navigation function, or sail and powerboat simulations can be added. How about computer games for on-board entertainment? The bottom line is the boater can add any software that will make the boating experience easier, safer, and more fun.

Courses and Distances

Maine to Florida

The courses, distances, and latitude and longitude positions shown are for reference and planning purposes only. Under no circumstances are they to be used for navigation. The latitude and longitude were collected from **MAPTECH™** electronic navigational software, NOAA Charts, the U.S. Light List and Local Notices to Mariners. The courses were adjusted for magnetic variation. When plotting your own courses be sure to correct for deviation, set,

drift and leeway. As noted in the U.S. Coast Guard Light List, "Buoy positions represented on nautical charts are approximate and maintain only due to the practical limitations of positioning and maintaining buoys and their sinkers in precise geographical locations." **MAPTECH™** cannot guarantee the accuracy contained herein, and can in no way be held responsible for any loss or damage caused by the use or misuse of this information.

Abbreviations used in this table:

R: red; G: green; RG: red and green; GR: green and red; RW: red and white; Fl: flashing; Q: quick; Oc: occulting; Iso: isophase; Mo(A): Morse code "A"; Brg: magnetic bearing; Dist: distance (nautical miles) miles; Lat: latitude; Lon: longitude; Pt: point; Rng: range; Shl: shoal(s); Ent: entrance; Chnl: channel.

FROM/TO	BRG	DIST	LAT	LONG	FROM/TO	BRG	DIST	LAT	LONG
DOWN EAST TO THE CAPE COD CANAL					To Mo(A) BELL RW "M"	225	2.2	41-05.115N	071-56.320W
Mount Desert Rock to the Cape Cod Canal					Montauk to Vaillant Rock				
Mount Desert Rock					To Mo(A) BELL RW "M"				071-56.320W
To Mo(A) BELL RW "RP"	238	147.5	42-04.854N	070-27.652W	To QG BELL G "1"	341	10.4	41-13.756N	072-03.955W
To Mo(A) BELL RW "CC"	223	17.9	41-48.857N	070-27.652W	Block Island Old Harbor to Point Judith				
Matinicus Rock to the Cape Cod Canal					Fl G 27th 11M HORN				41-10.627N
Whistle R "12MR"					To Fl R 4s WHISTLE R "2"	038	9.3	41-19.248N	071-28.473W
To Mo(A) BELL RW "RP"	230	118.5	42-04.854N	070-16.818W	Block Island to Vaillant Rock				
To Mo(A) BELL RW "CC"	223	17.9	41-48.857N	070-27.652W	BELL R "2" Great Salt Pond				41-12.101N
Monhegan Island to the Cape Cod Canal					To QG BELL G "1"	289	21.4	41-13.756N	072-03.955W
Fl R 4s WHISTLE R "14M"					Block Island to Watch Hill				
To Mo(A) BELL RW "CC"	220	125.9	43-45.286N	069-22.515W	BELL R "2" Great Salt Pond				41-12.101N
Portland to the Cape Cod Canal					To Fl R 6s BELL R "2"	311	13.4	41-17.987N	071-51.549W
Fl R 2.5s HORN "P"					LONG ISLAND SOUND				
To Mo(A) BELL RW "CC"	206	104.0	43-31.596N	070-05.483W	Vaillant Rock to Execution Rocks (Northern Route)				
Isles of Shoals to the Cape Cod Canal					QG BELL G "1"				41-13.756N
Fl 15s 82ft 20M HORN					To QG BELL R "19A"	284	14.4	41-13.756N	072-03.955W
To Mo(A) BELL RW "CC"	190	69.5	42-58.019N	070-37.470W	To Fl R 4s BELL R "10G"	278	13.1	41-13.756N	072-23.198W
Isles of Shoals to Annisquam Canal					To Mo(A) WHISTLE RW "NH"	284	10.1	41-12.104N	072-53.816W
Fl 15s 82ft 20M HORN					To Fl R 6s BELL R "18"	263	12.1	41-06.821N	073-08.096W
To Fl G 4s BELL G "1"	209	17.9	42-40.533N	070-42.751W	To Fl R 6s BELL R "32"	263	18.8	41-00.215N	073-31.422W
Gloucester to the Cape Cod Canal					To Fl R 4s GONG R "44A"	245	12.5	40-52.407N	073-44.289W
Fl 15s 82ft 20M HORN					Vaillant Rock to Execution Rocks (Southern Route)				
To Mo(A) BELL RW "CC"	185	46.1	42-34.323N	070-39.816W	QG BELL G "1"				41-13.756N
CAPE COD TO LONG ISLAND SOUND					To Mo(A) WHISTLE RW "CF"	275	14.0	41-11.314N	072-22.346W
Nantucket Sound, Nobska Point to Nantucket Harbor					To GONG G "3A"	237	13.0	41-01.737N	072-33.999W
Fl R 4s BELL R "26"					To Mo(A) WHISTLE RW "PJ"	278	24.6	40-59.283N	073-06.429W
To Mo(A) BELL RW "NW"	121	3.6	41-30.376N	070-38.819W	To GRF Eaton Neck	289	13.7	40-58.688N	073-24.516W
To Fl R 4s GONG R "22"	120	4.0	41-28.385N	070-29.011W	To Fl G 4s GONG G "15"	268	3.7	40-57.688N	073-29.230W
To Mo(A) WHISTLE RW "NS"	115	4.7	41-26.843N	070-17.524W	To Fl R 4s GONG R "44A"	259	12.5	40-52.407N	073-44.280W
To Fl G 2.5s GONG G "21"	134	5.9	41-24.050N	070-10.609W	NEW YORK TO PHILADELPHIA				
To Fl G 4s BELL G "1"	163	6.0	41-19.041N	070-06.239W	Ambrose to Cape May				
Vineyard Sound, Nobska Point to Block Island					Fl R 5s 138ft 24M HORN				40-27.582N
Fl R 4s BELL R "26"					To Fl R 6s GONG RW "2"	203	42.8	39-45.468N	073-59.473W
To Fl R 4s BELL R "28"	254	7.2	41-44.589N	070-46.295W	To QR "WP2"	221	23.5	39-24.705N	074-13.757W
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					To Oc R 4s R "8A"	254	18.7	38-49.338N	075-01.572W
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FROM/TO	BRG	DIST	LAT	LONG	FROM/TO	BRG	DIST	LAT	LONG	FROM/TO	BRG	DIST	LAT	LONG
Delaware Bay														
Oc R 4s "8A" Cape Henlopen	38-49	332N	075-01.572W		To Fl R 2.5s R "4" North Point	123	29	39-10.923N	076-26.625W	To Fl G 2.5s 18ft 4M "173"	195	2.1	36-08.358N	075-53.595W
To Fl 2.5s 23ft 7M Brown Shoal	342	7.0	38-55.402N	075-05.984W	To QG "25"	148	1.0	39-10.189N	076-25.788W	To Fl G 2.5s 19ft 4M "1AR"	212	11.0	35-58.178N	075-58.787W
To Q 20ft 5M "19"	349	10.4	39-04.970N	075-11.269W	To QG "15"	170	1.6	39-06.971N	076-24.477W	Elizabeth City to The Alligator River				
To Iso 6ft 11ft 11M Cross Ledge	346	3.5	39-10.905N	075-18.075W	To QG "9" Craighill Ent Chnl	171	2.8	39-01.135N	076-23.764W	Cottage Point	127	3.2	36-16.279N	076-12.615W
To Q 5M "32"	340	3.5	39-10.112N	075-18.075W	To QG "1C"	194	2.9	39-01.135N	076-22.679W	To near Fl R 4s 3M "2"	146	7.7	36-10.775N	076-08.523W
To Q 1B" Salem Nuke	329	17.9	39-29.306N	075-33.707W	To Fl R 4s G "9"	201	2.1	38-58.965N	076-22.707W	To near Fl R 4s 3M "2"	121	4.4	36-09.248N	075-56.930W
To Q 1B" Reedy Ring	013	17.9	39-29.306N	075-33.658W	To Fl R 2.5s R "8"	264	3.4	38-57.990N	076-27.429W	To Off Camden Point	198	11.1	35-58.223N	075-58.787W
To Q 1B" Castle Ring	024	4.2	39-33.139N	075-32.545W	Annapolis to Smith Point					To Fl G 2.5s 19ft 4M "1AR"	208	1.6	35-58.674N	075-59.366W
To Q 1B" R 6s RG BELL	335	4.0	39-33.830N	075-33.166W	To Fl R 2.5s R "8"	148	2.1	38-57.990N	076-27.429W	To Fl R 4s 16ft 3M "5"	209	6.0	35-50.947N	076-01.747W
To Fl 2.5s GONG G "7N"	350	2.9	39-37.756N	075-34.549W	To Fl R 2.5s R "2" off Tolly Pt	195	11.4	38-45.101N	076-25.551W	To Q 15ft 3M "18"	185	8.9	35-42.227N	076-00.776W
To Fl 2.5s G "1D" Deepwater Pt	008	1.3	39-37.756N	075-34.638W	To Fl G 4s GONG G "83"	187	11.9	38-33.271N	076-25.608W	To QG 15ft 4M "31"	215	2.0	35-40.354N	076-01.807W
To QG BELL "1C" Cherry I. Ring	053	3.6	39-40.457N	075-31.556W	To Fl G 4s BELL R "78"	174	12.5	38-21.356N	076-21.031W	To QG 15ft 3M "37"	250	0.6	35-40.083N	076-02.445W
To Q 2B" Bellevue Ring	037	4.3	39-44.496N	075-29.671W	To Fl G 5.5s G "77"	161	10.4	38-52.254N	076-21.922W	Pungo River to Goose Creek				
To Q 2B" Marcus Hook Ring	042	3.0	39-46.940N	075-27.445W	To Mo(A) RW "H"	183	19.7	37-52.710N	076-10.953W	Q 19ft 3M "23"	226	2.4	35-33.025N	076-28.106W
To QG GONG "1C" Chester Ring	066	4.3	39-49.436N	075-22.860W	To Fl 10s 52ft 18M Smith Pt	186	6.4	37-52.710N	076-10.953W	To Q 15ft 3M "18"	282	4.6	35-31.175N	076-29.890W
To Q 6C" Edystone Ring	068	1.9	39-49.436N	075-22.860W	To Fl R 4s BELL R "62"	186	6.4	37-52.710N	076-10.953W	To Q 16ft 3M "10"	197	1.2	35-30.061N	076-35.805N
To Q 7C" Tincum Ring	072	1.1	39-51.034N	075-19.643W	To Fl G 2.5s G "59"	195	13.4	37-27.029N	076-09.433W	To Fl G 4s 14ft "8"	160	1.2	35-29.015N	076-35.805N
To Q 5" Billingsport Ring	103	2.9	39-50.990N	075-15.895W	To Fl G 4s G "1M"	187	19.8	37-07.154N	076-09.364W	To G "5"	193	0.8	35-28.255N	076-35.184W
To Q 1B" Millin Ring	082	1.2	39-51.375N	075-14.482W	To Fl 10s 55ft 18M Thimble Shl	223	7.6	37-07.154N	076-14.415W	To near Fl R 4s 14ft "4"	174	1.4	35-28.892N	076-34.685W
To Q 1B" Eagle Pt Ring	070	2.5	39-52.705N	075-09.242W	To Q 10s 55ft 18M Thimble Shl	255	3.7	36-59.264N	076-18.690W	To Fl G 4s 15ft 4M "3"	177	3.8	35-25.808N	076-34.093W
To Q 1B" Horseshoe Bend	096	1.9	39-53.034N	075-08.720W	To QG "1ER" off Fort Wool	129	1.6	36-58.008N	076-20.013W	To Off Wades Point	241	2.8	35-22.153N	076-33.083W
To QG "37"	081	0.4	39-53.034N	075-08.720W	To QG GONG G "5" Sewells Pt	194	3.3	36-58.008N	076-20.292W	To Fl G 2.5s 15ft 4M "4"				
To Fl G 2.5s G "39"	044	0.6	39-53.583N	075-08.288W	To QG "15"	147	2.3	36-52.511N	076-19.897W	Gale Creek to Adams Creek				
CHESAPEAKE BAY					To Q 15"	147	2.3	36-52.511N	076-19.897W	Q 19ft 4M "2"	135	5.1	35-11.681N	076-34.778W
C&D Canal to Baltimore via Shipping Channel					To Fl G 2.5s R "25" Lamberts Pt	182	2.3	36-52.511N	076-19.897W	To near Fl(2+1) R 6s 15ft 5M	215	4.5	35-04.722N	076-29.717W
Q 19" Town Point Neck	231	3.3	39-27.973N	075-55.177W	To Q 15"	147	2.3	36-52.511N	076-19.897W	To near Fl R 2.5s 15ft 5M "4"	247	7.6	35-00.722N	076-39.982W
To Fl R 2.5s R "12" Arnold Pt	233	5.1	39-27.973N	075-55.177W	Chesapeake Bay Approach					To Fl G 4s 15ft 4M "1AC"	224	2.7	34-58.501N	076-41.849W
To Q 2" Grove Point	257	4.1	39-22.171N	076-07.728W	Fl(2) 15ft 24ft 6M HORN	290	11.9	36-54.195N	075-42.775W	To R N "2" Adams Creek	142	1.0	34-57.867N	076-40.924W
To Fl G 2.5s G "53" Howell Pt	245	3.7	39-20.033N	076-11.574W	To Fl G 2.5s R "4A"	185	13.4	36-35.610N	075-43.931W	SAVANNAH TO MIAMI				
To Fl G 4s "45" Worton Pt	239	1.7	39-19.901N	076-13.134W	To Fl R 4s R "8"	172	21.0	36-15.767N	075-53.565W	Savannah to St. Marys River				
To Fl G 2.5s G "33" Off Shell Pt	206	3.4	39-13.643N	076-14.322W	To Mo(A) WHISTLE RW "OI"	205	8.1	35-47.984N	075-50.014W	Fl(2) 15s 85ft 14M HORN	230	23.5	31-57.068N	080-40.988W
To Q 32"	187	1.5	39-14.323N	076-14.162W	To Fl R 4s R "10" Wimple Shls	155	15.0	35-35.688N	075-19.400W	To Mo(A) RW "STC"	210	23.0	31-40.356N	081-00.357W
To Q 30" Mitchell Bluff	215	1.3	39-13.107N	076-14.916W	CAPE HENRY TO SAVANNAH					To Mo(A) RW "D"	196	16.2	31-19.261N	081-11.571W
To Q 18"	210	1.4	39-11.753N	076-15.465W	CAPE HENRY TO SAVANNAH					To Mo(A) RW "STS"	177	22.6	30-40.926N	081-11.750W
To Q 14"	248	1.2	39-11.075N	076-16.750W	CAPE HENRY TO SAVANNAH					St. Marys River to Fort Pierce				
To 750 yds SW of QG "11"	235	3.2	39-08.731N	076-19.586W	CAPE HENRY TO SAVANNAH					Mo(A) RW "STM"	205	18.5	30-40.926N	081-11.750W
To Q 14"	302	8.8	39-12.009N	076-30.137W	CAPE HENRY TO SAVANNAH					To Mo(A) RW "STA"	178	28.8	29-55.136N	081-15.279W
To Fl R 4s R "6" Inside Bridge	330	1.2	39-13.333N	076-31.909W	CAPE HENRY TO SAVANNAH					To Fl R 6s BELL R "2"	167	53.6	29-04.791N	080-53.701W
C&D Canal to Baltimore via Pooles Island Bar Channel					CAPE HENRY TO SAVANNAH					To Fl R 6s R "9"	137	39.0	28-48.482N	080-21.044W
Q 19" Town Point Neck	236	3.4	39-27.973N	075-55.177W	CAPE HENRY TO SAVANNAH					To Fl R 2.5s R "4"	199	15.8	28-22.871N	080-25.400W
To Q 2" Grove Point	233	5.5	39-22.171N	076-07.728W	CAPE HENRY TO SAVANNAH					To Fl R WHISTLE R "2"	176	54.9	27-28.469N	080-16.208W
To Fl G 2.5s G "53" Howell Pt	245	3.7	39-20.033N	076-11.574W	CAPE HENRY TO SAVANNAH					Fort Pierce to Miami				
To Fl G 4s "45" Worton Pt	239	1.7	39-19.901N	076-13.134W	CAPE HENRY TO SAVANNAH					Fl R WHISTLE R "2"	164	20.0	27-09.927N	080-08.328W
To Fl G 2.5s G "33" Off Shell Pt	206	3.4	39-13.643N	076-14.322W	CAPE HENRY TO SAVANNAH					To Off Jupiter Inlet	176	11.0	26-46.515N	080-03.783W
To Q 32"	187	1.5	39-14.323N	076-14.162W	CAPE HENRY TO SAVANNAH					To Mo(A) WHISTLE RW "LW"	188	25.5	26-46.515N	080-00.716W
To Q 30" Mitchell Bluff	215	1.3	39-13.107N	076-14.916W	CAPE HENRY TO SAVANNAH					To Mo(A) RW "H"	193	15.6	26-05.539N	080-04.477W
To Q 18"	210	1.4	39-11.753N	076-15.465W	CAPE HENRY TO SAVANNAH					To Mo(A) RW "PE"	185	19.0	25-46.049N	080-05.104W
To Q 14"	248	1.2	39-11.075N	076-16.750W	CAPE HENRY TO SAVANNAH									
To 750 yds SW of QG "11"	235	3.2	39-08.731N	076-19.586W	CAPE HENRY TO SAVANNAH									
To Q 14"	302	8.8	39-12.009N	076-30.137W	CAPE HENRY TO SAVANNAH									
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To Fl G 4s "45" Worton Pt	239	1.7	39-19.901N	076-13.134W	CAPE HENRY TO SAVANNAH									
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Bridges of the Intracoastal Waterway

Virginia to Florida ICW Mile: 2.2 to 1134.0

ICW Statute Mile	Bridge Name	Bridge Type	Clearance at Center	VHF	Schedule
VIRGINIA					
2.2	N & PB L Railroad	Single Bascule	6'		Open except for traffic
2.8	Jordan Highway (Route 337)	Lift	15'	13-16	6:30-7:30am & 3:30-5pm; no scheduled openings
3.6	Norfolk & Western RR	Lift	9'		Open except for traffic
5.8	Gilmerton Highway	Bascule	11'	13-16	Open except for traffic
5.8+	Norfolk & Western RR	Bascule	7'		
7.1	Interstate 64 Highway	Bascule	65'		
8.7	Route 104	Bascule	12'	13-16	7am-8am & 4pm-6pm, M-F (except Federal holidays); Opens at 5pm
11.5	Great Bridge Lock	Lock			6am-7pm; open on the hour
12.0	Great Bridge	Swing	6'	13-16	6am-7pm; open on the hour
12.6	Route 168 Bypass	Fixed	65'		
13.7	N S RR	Bascule	7'		Open except for traffic
15.2	Route 604	Swing	4'	13-16	Open except for traffic
20.2	North Landing	Swing	6'	13-16	6am-7pm; opening on the hr. & 1/2 hr.
28.6	Pungo Ferry	Fixed	65'		
NORTH CAROLINA					
50.1	Coinjock	Fixed	65'		
84.2	Alligator River	Swing	14'	13-16	
114.0	Fairfield	Swing	14'	13-16	
125.9	Wilkerson	Fixed	65'		
157.2	Hobucken	Fixed	65'		
195.9	Core Creek	Fixed	65'		
203.0	Morehead City	Fixed	65'		
203.0	Morehead City RR	Bascule	4'		
206.7	Atlantic Beach	Fixed	65'		
225.9	Emerald Isle	Fixed	65'		
240.7	Onslow Beach	Swing	12'	13-16	
252.4	Highway	Fixed	65'		
260.7	Surf City	Swing	12'	13-16	7am-7pm; opening on the hour
278.3	Figure Eight Island	Swing	20'	13-16	
283.1	Wrightsville Beach	Bascule	20'	13-16	7am-7pm; opening on the hour
295.7	Carolina Beach	Fixed	65'		
311.8	Yaupon Beach	Fixed	65'		
323.3	Holden Beach	Fixed	65'		
333.7	Ocean Isle	Fixed	65'		
337.9	Sunset Beach	Pontoon		13-16	Apr. 1 to Oct. 31, 7am-7pm; opening on the hour
SOUTH CAROLINA					
347.1	Little River	Fixed	65'		
347.3	Little River	Swing	7'	13-16	
365.6	Highway and RR	Fixed	65'		
371.0	Socastee (Route 544)	Swing	11'	13-16	Apr 1-Jun 30 & Oct 1-Nov 30, 7am-10am, 2pm-6pm, M-F (except Federal holidays); openings on 1/4 & 3/4 hr. May 1-Jun 30 & Oct 1-Oct 30, 10am-2pm, Sat, Sun & Federal Holidays; openings on 1/4 & 3/4 hr.
371.0	Socastee	Fixed	65'		
401.1	Lafayette	Fixed	65'		
458.9	Highway	Fixed	65'		

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ICW Statute Mile	Bridge Name	Bridge Type	Clearance at Center	VHF	Schedule
SOUTH CAROLINA CONTINUED					
462.2	Ben Sawyer	Swing	31'	13-16	7am-9am & 4pm-6pm, M-F (except Federal holidays); no scheduled openings 9am-7pm, Sat & Federal holidays; no openings on the hour
470.8	Wappoo Creek (Route 171)	Bascule	33'	13-16	6:30am-9am & 4pm-6:30pm, M-F (except Federal holidays); no scheduled openings Apr 1-Nov 30, 9am-4pm, M-F (except Federal holidays); opening on the hr. & 1/2 hr. Apr 1-Nov 30 9am-7pm, Sat, Sun, & Federal Holidays; Openings on the hr. & 1/2 Hr.
479.3	John Limehouse	Swing	12'	13-16	6:30am-9am & 4pm-6:30pm, M-F (except Federal holidays); opening on the hr. & 1/2 hr. Mar 15-Jun 15 & Sep 15-Nov 15, 9am-4pm, M-F (except Federal holidays); opening every 20 mins.
501.4	McKinley Washington Jr. Hwy	Fixed			
536.0	Ladys Island	Swing	30'	13-16	7am-9am & 4pm-6pm, Mon-Sat (except Federal holidays); opening on the hour Apr, May, Jun, Sep, Oct & Nov, 9am-4pm, Mon-Sat (except Federal holidays); opening every 20 mins.
539.6	Beaufort River	Fixed	65'		
557.5	Hilton Head	Fixed	65'		
GEORGIA					
579.9	Causton Bluff	Bascule	26'	13-16	6:30am-9am & 4:30pm-6:30pm, M-F (except Federal holidays) opening 7am, 8am & 5:30pm
582.5	Thunderbolt	Fixed	65'		
592.8	Skidway Narrows	Bascule	22'	13-16	
675.0	St. Simons	Fixed	65'		
684.3	Jekyll Creek	Fixed			
FLORIDA					
720.6	SS RR	Swing	5'	13-16	
720.7	Highway	Fixed	65'		
739.1	Sisters Creek	Bascule	24'	13-16	
744.7	Salamander Ldg	Fixed	65'		
747.5	McCormick Bridge	Bascule	37'	13-16	Apr-May & Oct-Nov, 7am-8:30am, 4:30pm-6pm, M-F (except Federal holidays); opening on the hr. & 1/2 hr. Apr-May & Oct-Nov, 12noon-6pm, Sat, Sun & Federal holidays; opening on the hr. & 1/2 hr.
749.4	Pablo Creek	Fixed	65'		
759.0	Palm Valley	Bascule	9'	13-16	
776.0	Vilano Beach	Fixed	65'		
777.9	Bridge of Lions	Bascule	25'	13-16	7am-6pm, except 8am, noon & 5pm, M-F; opening on the hr. & 1/2 hr. 7am-6pm Sat, Sun & Federal holidays; opening on the hr. & 1/2 hr.
780.0	Highway	Fixed	65'		
789.0	Crescent Beach	Bascule	25'		
802.7	Palm Coast	Fixed	65'		
810.6	Flagler Beach	Bascule	14'	13-16	
815.9	Highbridge Road	Bascule	15'	13-16	
824.9	Ormond Beach	Fixed	65'		
829.1	Seabreeze Blvd.	Bascule	20'	13-16	7:30-8:30am & 4:30-5:30pm, Mon-Sat (except Federal holidays); opening 8am & 5pm
829.7	Main Street	Bascule	22'	13-16	
830.1	Broadway	Bascule	20'	13-16	
830.6	Memorial Bridge	Bascule	21'	13-16	7:45-8:45am & 4:45-5:45pm, Mon-Sat (except Federal holidays); opening 8:15am & 5:15pm
834.5	Port Orange	Fixed	65'		

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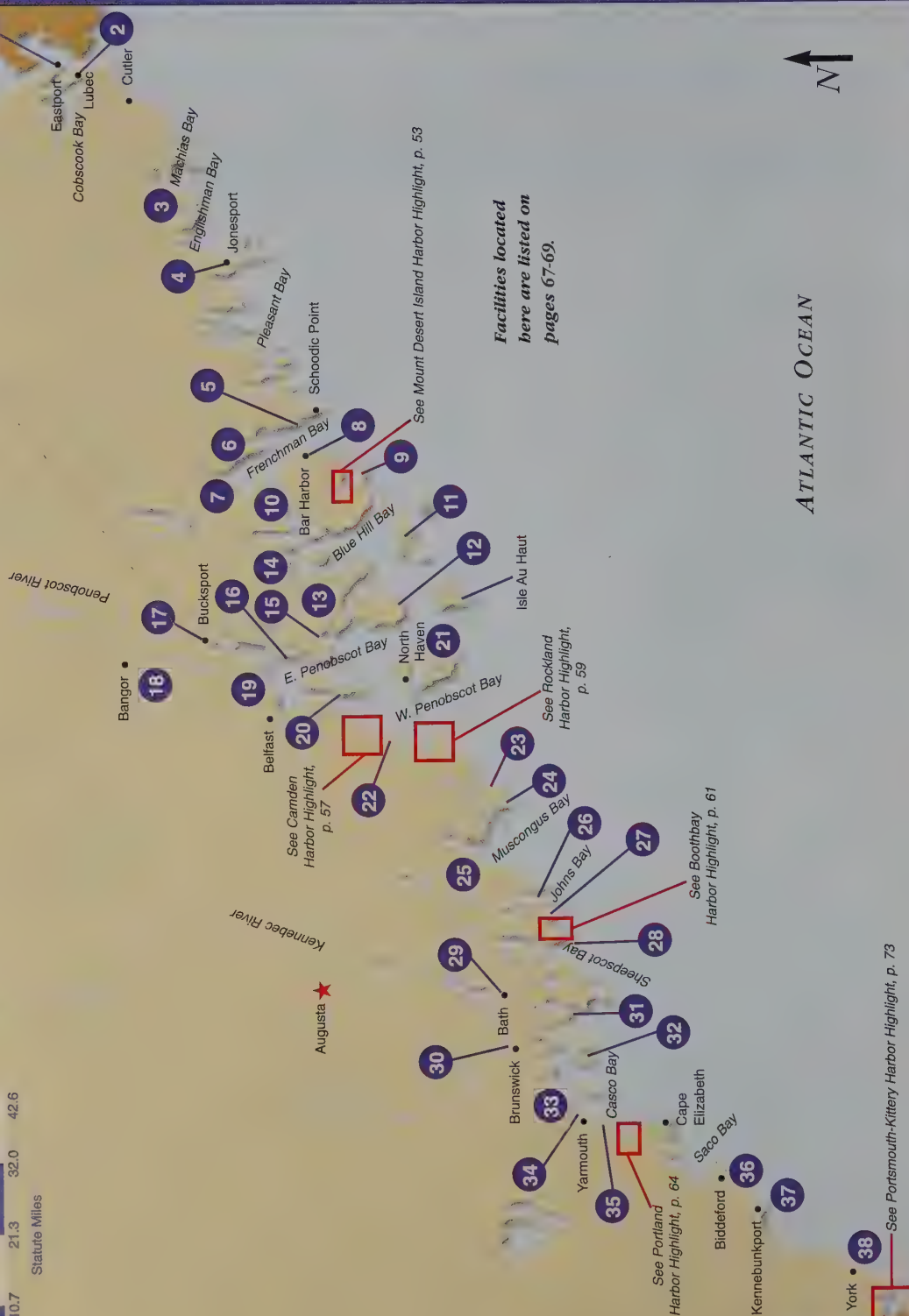
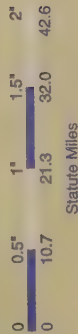
ICW Statute Mile	Bridge Name	Bridge Type	Clearance at Center	VHF	Schedule
FLORIDA CONTINUED					
845.0	Coronado Beach	Bascule	14'	13-16	7am-6pm; opening every 15 mins.
846.3	Harris Saxon	Fixed	65'		
868.2	Haulover Canal	Bascule	27'		
876.6	NASA RR	Bascule	7'	13-16	Open except for traffic
878.9	Route 402	Swing	9'	13-16	M-F, 6:15-7:15am & 3pm to 4:30pm (except Federal holidays); no scheduled openings
885.0	JFK Space Center	Bascule	27'	13-16	M-F, 6:30-8am & 3:30-5pm, (except Federal holidays); no scheduled openings
894.2	City Point	Fixed	65'		
897.0	Merritt Island	Fixed	65'		
909.1	Palm Shores	Fixed	65'		
914.0	Eau Gallie	Fixed	65'		
918.4	Melbourne	Fixed	65'		
943.5	Near Wabasso Beach	Fixed	65'		
951.9	Merrill Barber	Bascule	22'	13-16	M-F, 7:45-9am, 12-1:15pm, 4-5:15pm (except Federal holidays); opening 8:30am, 12:30 & 4:30pm Oct 1-May 31, M-F, 7am-6pm & as above (except Federal holidays); opening every 15 mins.
953.4	Dark Point	Fixed	65'		
965.0	Ft. Pierce N.	Bascule	26'	13-16	
966.0	Ft. Pierce S.	Fixed	65'		
981.4	Jensen Beach	Bascule	24'	13-16	Dec 1-May 1, 7am-6pm, M-F (except Federal holidays); opening on the hr. & 1/2 hr.
984.9	Ernest Lyons	Bascule	28'	13-16	Dec 1-May 1, 7am-6pm, M-F (except Federal holidays); opening on the hr. & 1/2 hr.
995.8	Route 708	Bascule	21'	13-16	
1004.2	Jupiter	Bascule	25'	13-16	
1004.8	Jupiter (Route 1)	Bascule	26'	13-16	
1006.2	Indiantown Road	Bascule	15'	13-16	7am-6pm; opening every 20 mins.
1009.4	Donald Ross	Bascule	14'	13-16	
1012.6	PGA Blvd.	Bascule	24'	13-16	7am-9am & 4am-7pm, M-F (except Federal holidays); opening on the 1/4 & 3/4 hour Nov 1-Apr 30, 9am-4pm, M-F (except Federal holidays); opening every 20 mins. 8am-6pm, Sat, Sun & Federal holidays; opening every 20 mins.
1013.7	Parker (U.S. Route 1)	Bascule	25'	13-16	7-9am & 4-7pm, M-F (except Federal holidays); opening on the hr. & 1/2hr. 8am-6pm, Sat, Sun & Federal holidays; opening every 20 mins.
1016.9	Riviera Beach	Fixed	65'		
1021.9	Flagler Memorial	Bascule	25'	13-16	Nov 1-May 31, 8am-9:30am, 4pm-5:45pm, 8:30am & 4:45pm, M-F (except Federal holidays); opening 6:30am & 4:45pm Nov 1-May 31, 9:30am-4pm, M-F (except Federal holidays); opening on the hr. & 1/2 hr.
1022.6	Royal Park	Bascule	14'	13-16	Nov 1-May 31, 8am-9:30am, 3:30-5:45pm, M-F; opening 8:45am, 4:15pm & 5pm Nov 1-May 31, 9:30am-3:30pm, M-F (except Federal holidays); opening on the 1/4 & 3/4 hr.
1024.7	Southern Blvd.	Bascule	14'	13-16	Nov 1-May 31, 7:30am-9am & 4:30pm-6:30pm, M-F (except Federal holidays); opening 8:15am & 5:30pm
1029.0	Lake Worth	Bascule	35'	13-16	
1031.0	Lantana Ave.	Bascule	13'	13-16	Dec 1-Apr 30, 10am-6pm Sat, Sun & Federal holidays; opening every 15 mins.
1035.0	Boynton Beach	Bascule	10'	13-16	

Bridges of the Intracoastal Waterway (Continued)

ICW Statute Mile	Bridge Name	Bridge Type	Clearance at Center	VHF	Schedule
FLORIDA CONTINUED					
1035.7	Ocean Ridge	Bascule	25'	13-16	
1038.7	NE 8th St. Delray Beach	Bascule	9'	13-16	Nov 1-May 31, 11am-6pm Sat, Sun & Federal holidays; opening every 15 mins.
1039.6	Atlantic Ave.	Bascule	12'	13-16	Nov 1-May 31, 10am-6pm, M-F; opening on the hr. & 1/2 hr.
1041.0	12th Street	Bascule	30'	13-16	
1044.9	NE 40th St (Boca Raton)	Bascule	25'	13-16	
1047.8	Palmetto	Bascule	19'	13-16	
1048.2	Camino Real	Bascule	9'	13-16	7am-6pm; opening every 15 mins.
1050.0	Hillsboro Blvd.	Bascule	21'	13-16	Oct 1-May 31, 7am-6pm; opening every 15 mins.
1055.0	N.E. 14th Street	Bascule	15'	13-16	7am-6pm; opening on the 1/4 & 3/4 hr.
1056.0	Atlantic Blvd. (Route 814)	Bascule	15'	13-16	7am-6pm; opening on the hr. and 1/2 hr.
1059.0	Commercial Blvd.	Bascule	15'	13-16	Nov 1-May 15, 8am-6pm; opening every 15 mins.
1060.5	Oakland Park Blvd.	Bascule	22'	13-16	Nov 15-May 15, 7am-10pm, M-F; opening every 20 mins Nov 15-May 15, Sat, Sun & Federal holidays; opening every 15 mins.
1062.4	Sunrise Blvd.	Bascule	25'	13-16	
1064.3	Los Alos Blvd.	Bascule	31'	13-16	
1065.9	Brooks Memorial	Bascule	25'	13-16	7am-7pm; 15 min. after last closure (A clock will display time until next opening)
1069.5	Dania Town Canal	Bascule	22'	13-16	
1070.6	N. Hollywood	Bascule	22'	13-16	
1072.2	Hollywood Beach Blvd.	Bascule	25'	13-16	Nov 15-May 15, 10am-6pm, (except Federal holidays); opening on the hr. & 1/2 hr. May 16-Nov 14, 9am-7pm, Sat, Sun & Federal holidays; opening on the hr. & 1/2 hr.
1074.1	Hallandale Beach Blvd	Bascule	22'	13-16	7:15am-6:15pm; opening on the 1/4 & 3/4 hr.
1076.1	Dumfoundling Bay	Fixed	65'		
1078.0	Route 826	Bascule	19'	13-16	7am-6pm, M-F (except Federal holidays); opening on the 1/4 & 3/4 hr. 10am-6pm, Sat, Sun & Federal holidays; opening on the 1/4 & 3/4 hr.
1081.4	Broad Causeway	Bascule	16'	13-16	8am-6pm; opening on the 1/4 & 3/4 hr.
1084.6	79th Street Causeway	Bascule	25'	13-16	
1086.9	Julia Tuttle Causeway	Fixed	56'		
1088.6	Venetian Causeway	Fixed	8'	13-16	Nov 1-Apr 30, 7am-9am & 4:30-6:30pm M-F, (except Federal holidays); opening on the hr. & half hr.
1088.8	MacArthur Causeway	Fixed	65'		
1089.4	Dodge Island	Fixed	65'		
1089.4	Dodge Island RR	Bascule	22'		Open except for traffic
1091.5	Rickenbacker Causeway	Fixed	76'		
1134.0	Jewish Creek	Bascule	14'	13-16	10pm-sunset, Thur-Sun & Federal holidays; opening on the hr. & half hr.

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ATLANTIC OCEAN





Dinghies, sailing boats and fishing vessels alike enjoy the quietude of Southwest Harbor. © Embassy

You could spend the rest of your years exploring Maine's crannied coast. Considering the nearly 2,500 miles of unspoiled shoreline, myriad safe harbors, and an abundance of the state's patron saint—the lobster—it wouldn't be a bad life at all.

Maine is a nautical dream come true. There are coastal areas where only a few lobstermen live; other areas bustle with activities, from weekly regattas to world-famous shopping. This coastal cornucopia mixes sandy beaches and rocky shores, frigid waters and tepid swimming holes, ranges of mountains and plains of salt marsh.

Your only limitations come in the form of navigational hazards—thick fog and erratic tidal currents. Even with today's electronic equipment, which has diminished some of these obstacles, the weather remains as fickle as a sailboat cutting into the wind, so stay alert for subtle wind shifts and cloud formations. A well-planned day is important for a safe and relaxing trip.

This thorough planning should include an understanding of the tidal currents and ranges, which vary greatly along the coast. Consider that the tidal range in Eastport is as much as 25 feet, while Kittery's waters rise and fall about 9 feet. These hefty tidal ranges can cause ripping, 6-knot currents, depending on where you are. This makes timing the entrances to—and departures from—harbors essential. Accordingly, anchoring requires attention to details.

Along with the currents, keep an eye on the wind—southwesterlies are the most common during the summer. A strong wind and a raging tidal change can make even an enclosed bay hazardous. Throw in a thick fog and the scene becomes truly challenging, even dangerous.

Other preparations are equally important, like the trip's attire. A mid-summer day in Maine can vary from shorts and a T-shirt to layers of sweaters and jackets in the space of a few hours. A well-stocked galley is also crucial, especially when exploring the islands where amenities are as scarce as palm trees.

But don't fret. You'll find Maine's benefits far exceed these occasional inconveniences. Most of the coast is so empty, so elemental and filled with nature's glory, that you easily fall under its spell and forget you ever had any cares.

Eastport to Machias Bay

Eastport may not be the end of the earth, but you can see it from here—not really, but it's a little joke around these parts. That's because this is the northernmost part of America's eastern coast. **Eastport** is the principal port of the **Cobscook Bay** area.

Cobscook is an isolated area with strong currents, back eddies, whirlpools, and tidal fluctuations that can leave you high and dry. Spotting another pleasure boat here is unusual, so be careful when transiting places like **The Narrows**, or investigating the nether reaches of **Dennys** and **Whiting**



From high atop Cadillac Mountain, Bar Harbor and its namesake body of water sit below like a toy village. The islands surrounding Bar Harbor are (l to r): Bar Island, Sheep Porcupine Island, Burnt Porcupine Island, Long Porcupine Island, and Bald Porcupine Island. © Embassy

bays—there won't be a lot of help if you fall into trouble. As such, Eastport serves as an important provisioning stop for anyone exploring these desolate areas. If you're arriving from outside the country, be sure to check in at the United States Customs Office at the head of the Eastport pier.

The northeastern coast of Maine is not to be traveled without the proper equipment and knowledge. From Eastport to Schoodic Point, navigational aids are hard to come by. Plus, summer is usually the foggy season. Don't let this deter your visit, especially if you're equipped with a GPS computer and **MAPTECH™ Professional** software.

South of Eastport, **Lubec** sits at the eastern entrance of the Cobscook area on Lubec Narrows. It is a quiet town struggling to survive the demise of the sardine canneries that once ruled the waterfront. Signs of life are apparent, though. A large \$2-million town marina, leased to a private company, now awaits transients in Lubec.

To begin your journey down the Maine coast from Lubec, exit the area through **Lubec Narrows**, which leads to **Quoddy Narrows**. First, you'll pass under the 47-foot (marked as 13.6m on your chart), fixed FDR International Memorial Bridge, connecting Lubec with Charleys Point. The channel is narrow and holds about 5 meters (about 16.5 feet) at mlw.

Your only other option is to head north around Head Harbour (this would also be your passage to Eastport if you're coming from Canada). From Eastport head north, keeping Fl R 10.7m HORN (at Cherry Island) and Indian Island to your west. Use **Head Harbour Passage**, keeping R N "UH4" and Fl R "UH2" to your west as well. You'll then round Head Harbour Light Fl R 17.7m 11M HORN and begin your journey south.

Your trip down the coast is southwest along a barren stretch of classic, rocky Maine coast. It's lonely until **Cutler**, the first good harbor (though it is crowded and dedicated to working lobstermen). The approach to Cutler is marked by BELL RW "LR," east of the entrance. You can anchor in the harbor and find basic provisions ashore. There is a busy town dock for dinghies only. Salmon farming operations go on in the harbor and are fascinating to watch; the hatchery is in the basement of the town hall, a short walk from the docks. You'll find that the townspeople who run the luncheonette, village market, and other establishments are chatty and witty.

Below Cutler there are literally dozens of empty harbors worthy of careful exploration. In Machias Bay, you'll find Starboard Cove, Bucks Harbor, Holmes Bay and the Machias River, as well as Little Kennebec Bay just around the corner.

Englishman Bay to Mount Desert Island

Roque Island is a destination unto itself, with a number of prime gunkholing options. There's good anchoring, albeit no facilities, at Lakeman Harbor in the northeast, Bunker Hole in the south between Great Spruce and Little Spruce islands, and Shorey Cove on the north shore. The island is privately owned, but the owners don't discourage visitation. Most boaters anchor off Crescent Beach on the south side of the island. From here you can go ashore, but stay on the beach and respect the owners' privacy.

To get to **Shorey Cove** head northwest up **Englishman Bay**, leaving G C "1" and G C "3" to port. Then swing around Great Head into the cove.

All this solitude and beauty may suit you just fine, but you will have to reprovision at some point. The fishing and boat-building village of Jonesport, on the north shore of

Moosabec Reach, meets the need. Maine lobster boats fill this area and there's even a race every summer to determine "the fastest lobster boat in the world." You can also catch sightseeing boat trips to the islands in the area.

Enter from the east from BELL G "1" north of **Mark Island** through the narrow, well-marked channel. Unless visibility has fallen below a quarter mile, you should be able to proceed from marker to marker, beginning with the R N "2" and G "3" on **Gilchrist Rock**. Jonesport itself may be clear, thanks to the hot air rising off Beals and Great Wass islands. It's probably why the Coast Guard station is located in Jonesport rather than on the outer coast. The town's marina, shipyard and anchorage are in **Sawyer Cove**, from which it's an easy walk to grocery, hardware and other stores.

South of the marinas is a small channel that leads to **Eastern Bay** between Head Harbor Island and Great Wass Island, an area with another dozen small gunkholes. Tides run swiftly between anchorages, so proceed with caution and only travel when visibility is good.

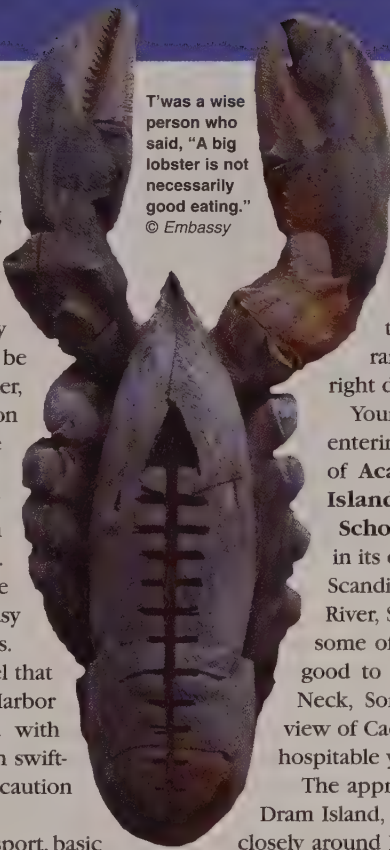
As you continue southwest from Jonesport, basic fuels and some amenities can be found in the fishing community of **South Addison** in Eastern Harbor, between Cape Split and Moose Neck. To get to Eastern Harbor from Moosabec Reach make your way west, keeping between Fl R 4s BELL R "22" to the north and Hardwood Island to the south. Make your way southwest to Fl G 4s GONG G "27" at the eastern end of **Tibbett Narrows**. Leave BELL R "30" to starboard and enter the harbor between G C "1" and R N "2."

As you continue west, you'll see many examples of how Maine's coast was etched by glacial activity. Pleasant, Harrington and Narraguagus bays, extending into rivers of the same names, are carved into the coast. **Pleasant River** is a good example of what you'll find at many such estuaries all along Maine's coast. Although water temperatures downriver rarely rise much above 50 degrees, upriver the water near Addison is often warmed to 70 degrees. Swimming is not only possible, it's pleasant.

Addison, about 5sm north of the mouth of the Pleasant River, is used mostly by fishing vessels. Should you decide to make the trip, approaches are well-marked and straightforward, but watch for shoaling.

Just when you think there can't be any more of this geologic wonder, an explorer's feast is served between the abandoned **Nash Island Light** (east of RW Mo(A) WHIS "NI") and **Schoodic Point**: Pigeon Hill Bay, Dyer Bay, Gouldsboro Bay and Prospect Harbor. Though all of these bays are deep, local knowledge is advised as they are not

T'was a wise person who said, "A big lobster is not necessarily good eating."
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well marked. If the weather is calm and clear, stop at **Petit Manan Island's National Wildlife Refuge**, south of Petit Manan Point. Nesting terns, puffins, great auks and other rare birds are easily spotted from a passing boat. Use great caution when approaching—there are a number of unmarked rocks and ledges that combine with 12- to 20-foot tidal ranges and fog that can make the area downright dangerous.

Your "return to civilization" is heralded by entering **Frenchman Bay**. Here, the mountains of **Acadia National Park** on **Mount Desert Island** rise to the west, with granite-clad **Schoodic Peninsula** to the east. Eye-opening in its own right, this landscape is reminiscent of Scandinavia. Eastern Bay to Jordan River, Skillings River, Sullivan Harbor and Flanders Bay are just some of the areas readily accessible and offering good to excellent anchorages. South of Waukeag Neck, Sorrento Harbor offers a shutter-snapping view of Cadillac Mountain, as well as moorings and a hospitable yacht club.

The approach is from BELL RW "SH" just south of Dram Island, or from the west marked by R N "2." Pass closely around Dram Island, then work your way up into the eastern end of the harbor.

As for **Mount Desert Island**, numerous coves and harbors await the cruising boater. (*Refer to the Mount Desert Island Harbor Highlight for information on Bar Harbor, Northeast Harbor and Southwest Harbor.*)

The villages of Bernard and Bass Harbor offer a quiet, downeast atmosphere on the southern end of the Mount Desert Island. Naturalists' walking paths to Bass Harbor Light and along the rocky southern shores of Acadia National Park are readily accessible from Bernard.

Bass Harbor is the southernmost anchorage, clearly marked by the Bass Harbor Head Light, Occ R 4s 56ft 13M, just east of the entrance. You must cross the Bass Harbor Bar, which is clearly marked with BELL RW "EB" and GONG RW "WB" just south of the light. Stay close to the markers—the water shallows off the north end of Great Gott Island. The only obstruction, Weaver Ledge, is marked by buoys on its east and west ends.

Blue Hill Harbor to East Penobscot Bay

Bordering the southwest side of Mount Desert Island, **Blue Hill Bay** is deep and wide with no major navigational obstructions. You'll find **Blue Hill Harbor** in its northwest corner. At its head, the town of Blue Hill has well-tended homes, antique stores, and the shops of excellent potters. The town was named for the 940-foot hill, which you can hike for a fine harbor view.



A common sight when traveling along Maine's coast. © Embassy

The harbor is slightly more than 2nm northwest of Long Island. Beginning with G C "1," follow the markers into inner harbor via Sculpin Point, and anchor in a perfect basin next to the town of Blue Hill. There is an accommodating facility here, and a quiet, entertaining and useful town ashore. Morgan, Union River and Patten bays are northeast of Blue Hill.

On the south side of Blue Hill Bay are islands—lots of them. Swans Island and Long Island (not to be confused with the Long Island inside Blue Hill Bay) are the most hospitable to passing vessels.

Swans Island is a lobstermen's island with a growing summer community, although it has a small marina in Burnt Coat Harbor and some stores ashore for basic provisions. Swans Island boasts two good harbors: Mackerel Cove on the north side and Burnt Coat Harbor on the south. **Mackerel Cove** is best approached between Fl G 4s GONG G "1," northwest of North Point, and R N "2," east of Crow Island. Head toward Roderick Head and drop anchor when you like the soundings. You can go ashore at the car ferry dock nearby. **Burnt Coat Harbor** on the south side of Swans Island requires a little more attention. When approaching from the southeast, pick up GONG R "2." In fog, this narrow entrance actually can be better than the southwest entrance. The southwest entrance begins with BELL RW "HI." Head northeast, keeping G C "3" at Gooseberry Island Ledge to your northwest.

On **Long Island**, Lunt Harbor is the only suitable anchorage. At Frenchboro, there are miles of walking paths and tame deer that keep them beaten down. All else is silent isolation. You'll want to approach **Lunt Harbor** from the northeast. Pick up RW Mo(A) GONG "LI" northeast of Crow Island. Head southwest 1nm, staying south of Crow and Harbor islands. There is good holding ground in the cove, but watch out for the cable area. At Frenchboro, you can pick up a free mooring opposite the ferry landing, or anchor outside of the

mooring area. Be sure not to block the ferry landing, as the ferry needs a decent amount of room to maneuver.

Depending on where you are staying, there are two different routes to the west. From Mackerel Cove, you can use **Casco Passage**, to the north of Swans Island. Casco Passage can be one of the most beautiful and potentially dangerous areas along the mid-coast. South channel has the deepest water and is most frequently used. North channel has less water and can be troublesome. Read your chart carefully and don't even attempt this area during periods of low visibility (i.e., fog) or at night unless you're familiar with the area. From Burnt Coat Harbor or Long Island, use Toothacher Bay passage. Though this is the easier of the two passages, it is more apt to be foggy.

Both passages will take you to Jericho Bay where three more options can bring you toward East Penobscot Bay. Either continue northwest via **Eggmoggin Reach**, west through **Deer Island Thorofare** or southwest through **Merchant Row**. The area is so varied that you may want to poke around all three. In that case, the place to be based is Stonington, on the south side of Deer Isle. All three passages lead into **Penobscot Bay**, Maine's largest single body of salt water, a place where you'll see more large, old touring schooners than anywhere in the world.

Stonington is an active seaport on the south end of **Deer Isle** along the western end of the Deer Island Thorofare. It is protected by dozens of granite islands to the south and east. The town itself has a rich history of quarrying granite, most visible at nearby Crotch Island.

To get to **Stonington from Toothacher Bay**, proceed from Halibut Rocks Light, Fl 6s 25ft 6M HORN, nearly northwest to RW BELL "SI" just east of Saddleback Island. Then pick up R N "2" northwest of Saddleback, followed by G C "1" and G C "3" on the north side of Bold Island. The channel is obvious from here. A similar route can be followed from York Narrows and Casco Passage, both of which are marked by FL R 4s BELL R "8."

The **Merchant Row** passage is reached from the previously mentioned Halibut Rock Light. Head southwest about 2nm to the north side of Southern Mark Island and then pick up the green cans beginning with G C "1." Follow the north shore of Merchant Island and turn south to reach **Isle au Haut**—a part of Acadia National Park, but without the crowds. Anchor east of Kimball Island and go ashore for a feast of natural beauty. The small village has some provisions; take a bicycle if you're intent on seeing it all.

Accessing **Eggmoggin Reach** to the northeast is simply a matter of finding Egg Rock beacon R "8A" and BELL R "8" at the west end of Casco Passage, and then proceeding to BELL RW "EE" at the south end of the reach. On the north shore of Eggmoggin Reach, Center Harbor and West Brooklin in the Benjamin River are both worthwhile stops. Though there is little of interest ashore, the array of moored boats—classic and otherwise—is incomparable.

East Penobscot Bay

Following **East Penobscot Bay** to the north you'll come across **Castine**, home to Maine's Maritime Academy, about 5nm to the north of Eggemoggin Reach, north of Cape Rosier. There is a full-service facility here with a town that has many amenities and is full of history. Entering Castine and the **Bagaduce River** is made easy by Dice Head Light, Fl 6s 27ft 11M, on the north shore, and a deep, wide channel due east of BELL RW "CH."

You may also opt for the **Penobscot River**. In that case, head north—past Bagaduce River and the Dice Head Light—to Fl R 4s 23ft 4M "2" marking Fort Point Ledge at the mouth of the Penobscot. To the west of the river's entrance, on Fort Point, there's a Fl 88ft 15M HORN to guide you during inclement weather.

The Penobscot River is a gorgeous (especially in autumn), winding 20nm trip. The river is well-buoyed because oil barges still use it as far as Bangor, which makes an effort to please passing pleasure boats and offers a good public landing.

Along the Penobscot are **Bucksport**, **Winterport** and **Hampden**. All three are a bit industrial in appearance, but they offer shoreside attractions, necessities and facilities for transients. In Bucksport, for example, you can visit the museum located in the old railroad station and learn about this small town's history. Cross the Bucksport Bridge and visit Fort Knox State Park (not the gold depository), where you can wander through the still-intact fortification from the Revolutionary War.

Back at the mouth of the Penobscot River, continue west across the northern part of East Penobscot Bay, toward

Island into the inner harbor. From the south via the **Cuckolds Light**, Fl(2) 6s 59ft west side of Squirrel.

GO west mouth chart—the barges and/o alert. Once in with both public

Islesboro, Vinalhaven

Penobscot Bay is divided by Vinal Island, Vinalhaven and Vinalhaven islands. **Islesboro** Island, is 10nm of varying to come to a few hundred souls during the winter, and hundreds more in the summer. Aside from the dozens of coves worthy of overnight anchoring, the primary boating center is in **Gilkey Harbor**. You can reach it from the north via Grindel Point Light, Fl G 4s 39ft 6M "3," just northwest of Warren Island, and from the south via Fl G 4s BELL G "1," south of Ensign Island. Both passages are plainly marked, and moorings can be found off the village of Dark Harbor. There is also a marina on Seven Hundred Acre Island, along the shore opposite Dark Harbor.

About 4.5nm south-southeast of Islesboro you'll first find **North Haven Island**. Here, you can purchase wool items made from the island's herds of sheep. Your destination on the island is the town of North Haven, on the north shore of Fox Island Thorofare. From the west, pick up RW Mo (A) BELL "FT," 1nm southwest of Stand-in Point. From there, it's



A Maine coast in April, exploring the coast of Maine, with a few lighthouses and rocks to keep you company. © 2000



This view of the Owls Head Lighthouse means you're just around the corner from transient-friendly Rockland Harbor. © Mary Jane Hayes

about 2nm east-northeast to Brown's Head Light, Fl 39ft 11M HORN, and a safe entrance to Fox Island Thorofare. Shopping on the island is done in North Haven, on the south side of the island. Pulpit Harbor, on the north side of the island, is also a beautiful destination worthy of a stop. It's not the easiest harbor in the world to find, however—the shore looks continuous until you're at just the right angles.

The **Fox Island Thorofare** is an important and scenic cruising area unto itself. Actually, it is a destination unto itself and deserves a visit if you're in the area.

Next is **Vinalhaven Island**—a true deep-sea fishing island at work. Once ashore, you'll find a slow pace of a summer island community, broken only by the arrival of the small mainland car ferry every few hours. The main port of entry is **Carvers Harbor** on the south side of the island. Your approach from the west is pock-marked by rocks and ledges. From RW Mo (A) BELL "FI" carefully navigate south-east toward RW BELL "G1." From there, head through **Lawry Narrows** into Hurricane Sound and then The Reach, north of Greens Island. Although The Reach is marked, it is a narrow (sometimes only 100 feet wide) and obstructed channel. In addition to all the hazards, you'll have to contend with heavy commercial fishing traffic and the car ferry. Obviously, this is no place to be in heavy fog.

If you're approaching directly from the east, it's safest to round Fl R 2.5s BELL R "2A" at Old Horse Ledge, keeping it to the north, and head due north into the harbor. Otherwise, you'll need local knowledge to navigate directly through the islands and rocks.

West Penobscot Bay to Boothbay Harbor

These islands are great cruising grounds, especially for those who stay in the Camden, Rockport or Rockland area. **Camden**, a short 4nm hop across West Penobscot Bay, used to be combined as a township with Rockport to the south, but the two split in 1891. They share an oft-quoted theme as

the area "where the mountains meet the sea." (*Refer to the Camden Harbor Highlight at the end of this chapter for information on that town.*)

There is a clear course to Fl G 6s 26ft 6M "5" at The Graves and Camden's **Curtis Island Light**, Oc G 4s 52ft 7M. Be sure to pick up BELL R "2" off Curtis to avoid the ledges protecting the outer harbor. Traffic is heavy here, so keep a sharp lookout.

Just south of Camden is **Rockport**, one of the two "rocks of Penobscot." Here, some of the options include watching wooden boat building, visiting the Maine Photographic Workshop for seminars on still photography and film, or just looking at a variety of photography and art at the Maine Coast Artist. There are also performances held year-round at the Rockport Opera House. The approach to Rockport from Camden is largely a matter of following the shore. Be careful of **The Graves**, Fl G 6s 26ft 6M "5," just northeast of Deadman Point. After BELL RW "RO" southeast of Lowell Rock, you have a clear shot into Rockport. This is a good anchorage in all but southerly winds, and it's rarely crowded.

Beyond Rockport to the south is the other rock of Penobscot—**Rockland**. Simply head for the Fl 5s 39ft 17M HORN light at the end of the mile-long Rockland Breakwater. (*Refer to the Rockland Harbor Highlight at the end of this chapter for information.*)

Leaving the Penobscot Bay area takes you past **Tenants Harbor**. The art of Andrew Wyeth, particularly his famous painting "Christina," makes you feel as if you've been to Tenants before. Wyeth used much of this scenery in his pieces. Several facilities and the peaceful village will add to the pleasures of this small harbor.

Whether you cruise through Two Bush Channel, west of Vinalhaven, or down the more picturesque **Muscle Ridge Channel** beginning at Owl's Head Light, Fl 100ft 16M HORN, just outside of Rockland Harbor, the abandoned lighthouse on Southern Island and Fl G 6s BELL G "1" clearly mark the entrance to Tenants.

Just around Marshall Point, you find **Port Clyde**, the first port in **Muscongus Bay**. The approach to Port Clyde is via Marshall Point Light, Fl 30ft 13M HORN. From the east, pick up BELL R "2" immediately south of Mosquito Island and follow the channel in. From the south or west, enter via the Davis Strait R N "12" just north of Davis Island and follow the channel. The harbor is rarely crowded, but the town dock is often busy. The freight/tour boat for Monhegan Island departs from here, and it's usually filled with scores of fishermen.

Monhegan Island is a fabulous place to visit. It is the outer guardian of Muscongus Bay and is Maine's best-known and most-visited offshore island. There are only a hundred or so year-round residents here, but tour boats arrive daily in season, temporarily tripling the population. Walking paths radiate north and east from the village, taking you to the cliffs on the island's east side. If a heavy easterly swell is running, the picture is dramatic. Be careful of your footing, though—more than one person has not returned from this remote end of the universe. Although you can get there on your own, it's difficult to find a good anchoring spot and there are no marinas. Your best bet is to take the ferry from Port Clyde.

Monhegan Island is easy to find, as the approach is relatively simple in anything short of pea-soup fog. The crowded harbor is on the southwest end. From the southwest, find Fl 4s WHISTLE R "14M." Once again, the holding ground at Monhegan is dicey. The best bet for your dinghy is one of the beaches near the town wharf.

There are four other ports worth visiting in Muscongus Bay—**Thomaston**, **Friendship**, **Round Pond** and **New Harbor**. There is easy access to all four and they all welcome transients.

On the western side of Muscongus Bay, **Pemaquid Point** marks your arrival in **Johns Bay**, and **Johns River**. Visit the William Henry Memorial Fort, with exhibits and a wonderful view, and the other museum at the pier. To enter the river pass to either side of Johns Island. Be sure of the location of **Knowles Rocks** if you're using the eastern channel. If you need more facilities, go directly across the bay into South Bristol. Access to this area is via the north side of Witch Island and under a bridge that opens on signal. Still more facilities are found directly across the Damariscotta River in **East Boothbay** or about 1nm downriver in **Christmas Cove**. The latter is apt to be crowded, although the amenities are the most upscale of the four harbors mentioned. The entrance is clear of unmarked obstructions.

Your next stop is "The Boating Capital of New England"—**Boothbay Harbor**. This place is never boring; tour boats, yachts and commercial fishermen move about what seems to be 24 hours a day. (Refer to the **Boothbay Harbor Highlight** for information.)

From the east, enter through **Fisherman Island Passage** just south of Linekin Neck and run up the east

shore of Squirrel Island into the inner harbor. From the south or west, follow a route via the **Cuckolds Light**, Fl(2) 6s 59ft 12M HORN, and the east or west side of Squirrel.

Sheepscot Bay to Casco Bay

To the western side of Southport Island is **Sheepscot Bay**. The easiest access is to the south, around the Cuckolds, and then a short run north. Avoiding the red sector and leaving **Hendricks Head Light** (F 43ft 7M) to starboard, run up the east shore as far as Dogfish Head. A turn to the east will bring you into the quiet waters of **Ebenecook Harbor**. You can drop your anchor anywhere, or pick up a mooring in the southwesternmost cove. There is a full-service marina that offers tranquility ashore.

From Sheepscot, head southwest again toward **Seguin Island Light**, Fl 180ft 18M HORN. It marks the mouth of the Kennebec River, which runs nearly 40 miles inland and offers a dozen ports to visit. It's important to catch the tide right here. Most Kennebec ports are cozy (i.e., small) and have limited facilities, generally catering to small, high-speed powerboats. The city of **Bath** is the major port, a little more than 10nm upriver. Hail one of the facilities for dock space or mooring availability.

Beyond Seguin you enter **Casco Bay**, which has been a recreational boating mecca for 150 years. **Sebasco Harbor**, just east of Harbor Island, makes a fine overnight destination, with a nine-hole golf course and two old-fashioned lodges ashore. The **New Meadows River** is the easternmost attraction. The entrance is marked by Fuller Rock Light, Fl 4s 25ft 6M, off Cape Small. From it, you'll find BELL R "2BH" and then Fl R 4s BELL R "4" about 2nm to the north. From here, it's straightforward. **Cundy Harbor**, on the southwest mouth of New Meadows River, is the best place for a few supplies and a good lobster dinner with ice cream for dessert. It doesn't make a very good anchorage, so try The Basin, on the east side of the river, or Brigham's Cove in Winnegance Bay; both are secure and the latter is less



In Boothbay Harbor, a simple and meaningful monument to the sons of the sea overlooks the harbor they called home. © Embassy

crowded. The rest of the river is perfect for exploring to the headwaters, where there is a full-service marina.

Head north through **Broad Sound**, whose entrance is clearly marked by Eagle Island. The best destination is the **Harraseeket River** and **South Freeport**. This is your access to the world's best shopping: Freeport, Maine, including L.L. Bean and scores of other outlet stores. The smoothest water to western Casco Bay is found via the channel out of the Harraseeket and just south of Moshier and Littlejohn islands. Stick close to these islands and you'll stay out of trouble.

As you're traveling this way, stop at **Falmouth Foreside** on the mainland, where you'll see the several hundred boats of the Portland Yacht Club and a full-service marina. Many yacht and cruising clubs from all over the East Coast consider Falmouth a "must-stop" destination.

To get to Falmouth Foreside, head for Ra Ref G "15" 2nm southwest on **Lower Basket Ledge**. Then turn west toward R "18" beacon off the northeast side of Clapboard Island.

It is a short, easy sail to **Portland**, a truly fun city in Maine's more southern reaches. The harbor itself is bounded by Portland on the north and South Portland on the south. (*Refer to the **Portland Harbor Highlight** for more information on the city.*)

Cape Elizabeth to Kittery

South of Portland, the Maine coast once again changes personalities. Gone are the hundreds of choices in harbors, anchorages, and potentially confusing channels. Instead, you'll find well-defined coastal harbors and inlets, beginning with the **Saco River** and **Biddeford Pool**, 10nm southwest of Cape Elizabeth.

The architecture of these towns will remind you of the less genteel side of New England. The sprawling wool mills along the banks of the river are a testament to fortunes made from the sweat of innumerable poor immigrants (and even less fortunate sheep). Those riches often went into the huge, ornate 19th century houses that line the more pleasant streets in town, and not into the tenements that still stand in some areas.

The approach is by prominent Wood Island Light, Al WG 10s 71ft 14M HORN. If bound for the **Saco River** and the towns of **Biddeford** and **Saco**, head for the light until you see BELL RW "SA" off Ram Island Ledge, then follow the marked channel. Both of the towns are somewhat industrial and have adequate marinas and standard shoreside amenities. Alternatively, you could head southwest from BELL RW "SA" between Negro and Stage islands to the uneasy anchorage of **Wood Island Harbor**. Better yet, continue into **Biddeford Pool** and pick up a mooring in perfect protection.

Another 8nm southwest down the coast will take you to **Cape Porpoise**, a good stopover where the town, harbor and cape all share the same name. You needn't run to the off-shore buoy here. Just pick up BELL R "2" off Old Prince Ledge and follow the buoys in. There are a lot of lobster trap

buoys at this entrance, so keep a sharp lookout. Once inside, you may find a vacant mooring or, more likely, drop the anchor. This is primarily a lobstermen's harbor, but there is a town dock where you may land, plus restaurants and a grocery store.

If you need more facilities, **Cape Arundel** and **Kennebunkport River** are another 2nm southwest. When George Bush was president, there were restrictions for boats approaching **Kennebunkport**, but you won't have any problems entering now. Even more than its famous resident, you may especially appreciate the whale-watching excursions, the tours of handsome architecture, and the town's relaxed personality.

The G C "3" is probably the first mark you'll see if running close inshore. From it, you'll follow the channel past G C "5" and Iso R 6s 26ft 7M "6." At low tide it may be difficult to carry much more than 5 feet to Kennebunkport itself.

The next reasonable harbor is **York**, just beyond Cape Neddick. There are deep-sea fishing boats here and a red trolley that stops at the harbor and proceeds to other points of interest. The seaside cottages bring to mind Newport, Rhode Island's mansions, though less ornate. There are also half a dozen inns with fine dining, the most popular of which is a screened deck affair on Harris Island. Here you can watch boats coming and going in the nearby York Harbor channel or on the distant ocean.

York is 15nm directly southwest of Kennebunkport, making it a spray-filled passage on an average summer day. There are no hazards along the route until you pick up RW Mo(A) BELL "YH" just off East Point. The channel is clearly marked on the way in, although you will probably notice a strong tidal current. Anchoring is nearly impossible in the currents, but the harbor is full of moorings and marinas. There is a town dock at the north end and plenty going on ashore.

The end of the Maine coast is marked by the town of **Kittery**, which shares the **Piscataqua River** with the city of **Portsmouth**, New Hampshire. The channel here is deep, wide, and tide-scoured, making it advisable for low-powered auxiliaries to enter with a favorable current. Also be wary of ocean-going ships arriving and departing. (*Refer to the **Kittery and Portsmouth Harbor Highlight** in the New Hampshire chapter for more information.*)

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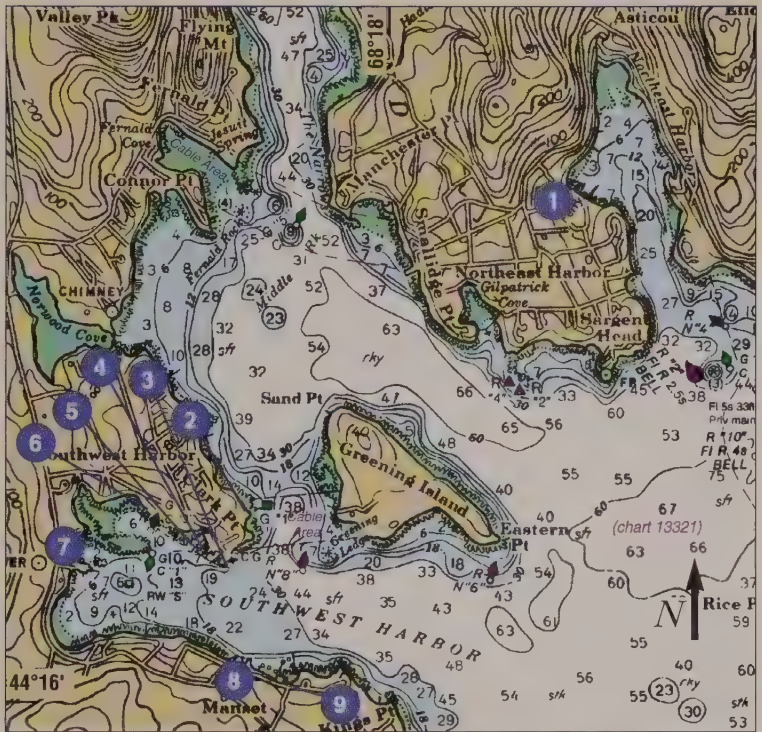
Upon viewing this mountainous island in 1604, Frenchman Samuel Champlain wrote (in French, of course), "The mountain summits are all bare and rocky.... I name it Isles des Monts Desert." Not as poetic of an origin as some would have hoped for, but the name stuck. Even the French pronunciation, *de-zert*—as in "I like New England apple pie for dessert"—has remained an island standard.

Long before Champlain "discovered" it, the lobster claw-shaped island had been inhabited by Native Americans. Some lived on the island year-round, while others visited during the summer to hunt and fish. While folks still arrive in droves during the summer, it's not to catch food, but to stroll through the quaint towns and popular harbors.

Whichever way you take in Mount Desert Island—whether it be by sailing the coast, hiking the trails or climbing the mountains—the pleasant towns and superb scenery will give you all you can bear.

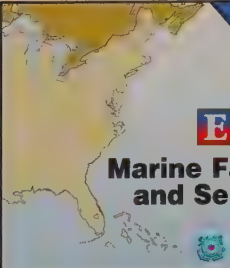
What To See and Do

Mount Desert Island can satisfy even the most activity-craved member of your crew. While most boaters pull into Northeast or Southwest harbors for refuge, *Bar Harbor* is where most on-land activities—strolling and shopping its narrow, sloping streets—take place.



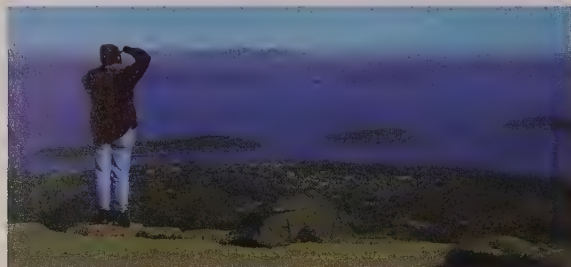
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If you're in the mood to watch more than just scenery, hump it over to one of the whale-watching cruises that depart near the harbormaster's office. Harpoon the brochures or net

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A trip to the summit of Cadillac Mountain in Acadia National Park is not complete without a few pictures to take home. © Embassy

some ideas from the locals as to the most reputable boats. From historic schooners and classic ships to speedy catamarans, there's more than one way to view these truly awe-inspiring leviathans. Take in the creatures of the sea from a different angle at the Oceanarium (207-288-5005), replete with a lobster hatchery. If you're into exhibits, try the Abbe Museum (207-288-3519), showcasing artifacts of prehistoric Maine Indians.

In **Southwest Harbor**, fly over to the Wendell Gilley Museum of Bird Carving (207-244-7555), where Gilley and other artists showcase their hand-carved pieces. Southwest Harbor also has its own Oceanarium (207-244-7330)—minus the lobster hatchery—but it's still fun for the kids.

Mount Desert's biggest attraction is the great outdoors—36,000 acres of Acadia National Park. Miles of trails invite you to hike or bike—rentals are available at Southwest Cycle (207-244-5856). If you're brave (and in the best shape of your life!) hoof it up the trails of Cadillac Mountain—about a four-hour round-trip.

Restaurants and Provisions

Just walk down **Bar Harbor's** streets and pick a restaurant. A few eateries of mention are Island Chowder House (207-288-4905), one of the best restaurants in town; Testa's (207-288-3327), an upscale establishment that happens to be one of the oldest restaurants on the island; Carmen Verandah (207-288-2766), a lounge with pool tables; and the Quarterdeck Restaurant (207-288-5292). Holiday Inn (207-288-9723) has a marina and three restaurants on its property.

In **Northeast Harbor**, tack over to the Main Sail Restaurant (207-276-3383) at the Kimball Terrace Inn—it's the only place right near the water. A short walk takes you to Main Street where you'll find Northeast Harbor Cafe (207-276-4151) and the Colonel's Restaurant, Deli & Bakery (207-276-5147), which will deliver right to your dock.

There's nothing like the taste of a fresh Maine lobster right from the boat. Indulge yourself when in **Southwest Harbor** with a visit to the modest Beal's Lobster Pier, right near the Coast Guard Station. If you're staying at Hinckleys, try The Deck House (207-244-5044).

For the more adventurous boaters, cruise to the head of **Somes Sound** and tie up at the dock of Able's Lobster Pound (207-276-5777). Guess what you can get there?

Navigation and Anchorages

Eastern Way

Whether your destination is Northeast or Southwest harbor, this well-marked channel is the safest route for deep-draft vessels. Enter between Fl R 4s R BELL "4" and G C "3A," north of **East Bunker Ledge**, or to the south of Fl R 4s GONG R "2," south of the ledge.

When heading to Northeast Harbor, don't make a brazen attempt to skipper north of **Bear Island**—it's an invitation for disaster. Instead, head south of Fl R 4s R BELL "10".

Western Way

The alternative entrance to both harbors is Western Way, which begins between Fl G 4s GONG G "1," southeast of **Long Ledge**, and R "2" at **South Bunker Ledge**. Though it is a viable passage, it can get a bit hairy for smaller boats in a southerly wind. Prior knowledge of the area is advised.

Northeast Harbor

The entrance to Northeast Harbor is well marked. Just remember to keep Fl R 2.5s BELL R "2" to starboard! West of Fl R 2.5s BELL R "2" and east of G C "1" there's a shallow ledge that happens to snag four or five boaters a year.

Other than that, the harbor is deep. A finely-tuned mooring grid eliminates the possibility of anchoring in the harbor. Hail the harbormaster to see if a rental mooring is available.

Southwest Harbor

Southwest Harbor is easily navigable and wide open, with few hazards. The harbor affords great protection from nearly all winds except an easterly, but there's no anchoring allowed. The town has moorings set up; just hail the harbor-master on VHF 9, or head over to Morris Yachts. The town floats are not for overnight stays.

Somes Sound

Somes Sound is a fjord about 4nm long. Its entrance is marked by G C "5." Sculpted by glaciers and now lined with foliage, Somes Sound is worth a visit if only for its aesthetic value. The steep, rocky edges play with the wind, challenging sailboaters. A restaurant with a dock and rental moorings sits at the head of the Sound, where anchoring is also an option.

Cranberry Islands

Both Great Cranberry Island and Little Cranberry Island sit south of Mount Desert Island. Some local boats travel through **The Gut** (the area between the islands), but don't try it. **Cranberry Harbor** is a nice anchorage when visiting the islands, both of which have small communities with a few restaurants and sights.

Within Great Cranberry Island, **The Pool** is quite a sight in a dinghy. Unless you have experience, don't attempt The Pool even at high tide in your boat.



Whether you hike the trails or relax by Bar Harbor, Mount Desert Island opens its arms to all visitors. © Embassy

Bar Harbor

The area around Bar Harbor is relatively unmarked, save for the Q 5M light on the westernmost end of the breakwater, extending southwesterly from **Bald Porcupine Island**. The breakwater is covered at high tide. As you travel east through Bar Harbor, the water gradually thins until a muddy isthmus forms between **Bar Island** and the quaint town of Bar Harbor.

Unless you know what you're doing, passing between Bar Island and **Sheep Porcupine Island** is not recommended. The safer route is to the east of Sheep Porcupine and BELL G "7".

Hail the Harbormaster on VHF 9 for information about available moorings and up-to-date conditions.

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But you won't want to go anywhere. After a few hours—or a few days, or weeks—you'll want to stay right where you are, in the jewel of Maine's coast.

What To See and Do

In this town so close to the sea, what to do is what you see. And what you'll see in Camden are shops, boutiques, restaurants and a beautiful harbor. Begin at the Camden Chamber of Commerce (207-236-4404), a brick building near the Harbormaster's office, for the skinny on the hot spots.

For the more active traveler, hike the trails of Camden Hills State Park (207-236-3109). From the summit, Penobscot Bay and its neighboring towns and rolling hills make for a long-remembered vista.



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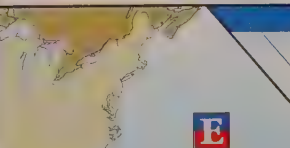
To point you toward the town's historic sights, talk with the Camden-Rockport Historical Society (207-236-2257).

Restaurants and Provisions

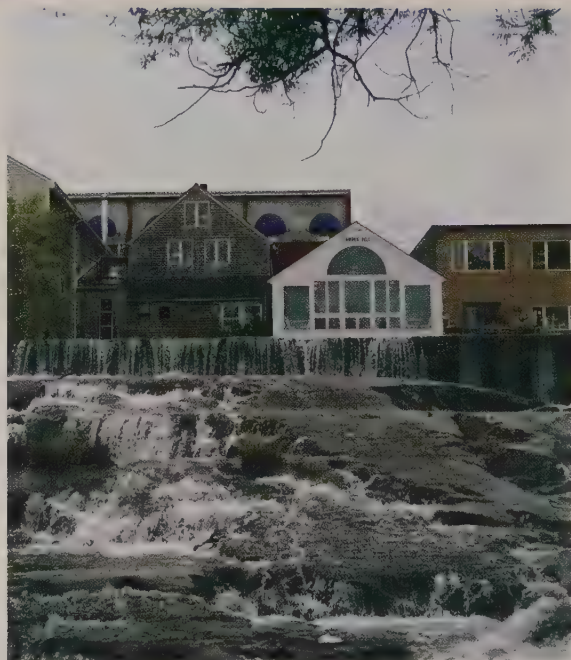
Start the morning off at Camden Bagel Cafe (207-236-2661) for, you guessed it, bagels. Cappy's (207-236-2254) prides itself on being "Camden's favorite place to meet and eat." Having indulged in its chunky New England clam chowder, we can see what keeps bringing 'em back.

No need to walk far for a meal at Water Front (207-236-3747). Naturally, seafood is its specialty—lobster, fish, chowders, steamed shrimp and calamari. Don't hesitate to pull right up to the dock.

Wag your tail over to the Sea Dog Brewing Co. (207-236-6863) overlooking the waterfall of the Knox Mill. Besides an American menu, check out their fine list of lagers and ales.

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You'll fall in love with the quaint scenery in Camden, like the waterfall at Knox Mill. © Embassy

The Belmont Restaurant & Country Inn (207-236-8053) pleases the palate with late 20th century cuisine. Call for reservations. And then there's Capt'n Andy's (207-236-2312), where fresh-caught lobsters are served to order.

Navigation and Anchorages

From the north

Coming from **Gilkey Harbor**, travel southwesterly for 3.9nm from Fl G 4s "1," south of **Ensign Island**. Leave R N "4" to the north to avoid the ledges protecting the outer harbor.

From the South

From Fl 5s 39ft 17M HORN on **Rockland Breakwater** it's 6.2nm to BELL G "2" off **Camden Harbor**. Head northerly from the breakwater and pass east of **Brewster Point Ledge**, marked by G C "1" and **Ram Island**, marked by G C "3." Leave the G W Bn on **Porterfield Ledge** to the west as well. Pass between G C "3," southeast of **Goose Rock**, and Fl G 6s 26ft 6M G "5" marking the Graves. Then head north to BELL R "2." Enter the harbor between the Oc G 4s 52ft 7M **Curtis Island Light** and R N "4."

Camden Harbor

Popular Camden Harbor is home port to several large schooners during the summer. The main channel into the harbor is deep, marked by BELL R "2" at its entrance.

Northeast Passage runs between Fl R 4s 20ft 5M R "2" at Northeast Point and G "3" at **Inner Ledges**. This narrow channel is not recommended for those unfamiliar with it. Don't cut east of Curtis Island—it shoals quickly.

Anchorage in Camden Harbor is best on its westernmost side, between Eaton Point and Curtis Island. The ground is soft and you're well protected. Sherman Cove is also used for anchoring, but don't head too far north.

Inner Cove

To pull into the thick of things, Inner Cove, hail the harbor-master to check for available moorings or Wayfarer Marine. Inner Cove is extremely busy with tourist boats, cruisers and residents. Unless you're pulling in to one of the facilities, it's best to traverse here via dinghy, which can be tied to the floating docks near the harbormaster's office.

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MAKE IT MAINE!

If you visited Rockland Harbor more than five years ago, it's worth sticking your bow in again. Once the ugly duckling of the area—the uncomely stepsister of Camden—Rockland has cleaned up its industrial image and has become an ideal cruising port all its own.

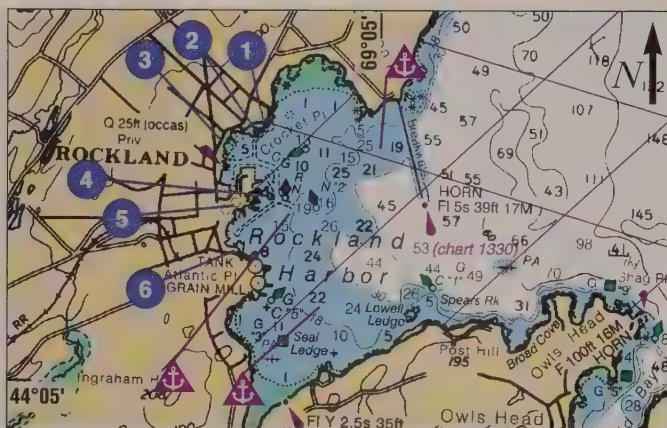
Like a loving arm fending off the ocean's fury, the mile-long breakwater (built in 1902) protects Rockland Harbor. As such, you can wait out a strong blow safely, and the harbor's nautical history means that amenities are close to shore.

As it did for even the earliest explorers, Rockland Harbor serves as a gateway to Penobscot Bay. Today, the new breed of explorers—cruisers like you—are rediscovering it, evidenced by the number of boat clubs bypassing traditionally more popular harbors for Rockland's. As you might agree, Camden, for an example, may feature a more visually appealing waterfront, but if you're making Maine your cruising grounds for the whole season, there might not be a better home port.

What To See and Do

Rockland is the centerpiece for some rather large festivals that pack its waters and streets, including the Schooner Days/North Atlantic Blues Festival, held the week after July Fourth. No need to come ashore—rock gently in your boat as waves of harmonious blues waft over the water. In August, the Maine Lobster Festival celebrates the state's delicacy with crafts, music and lots of butter. Call the Chamber of Commerce (207-596-0376) for more information.

If you're in the museum mood, there are a few gems to check out like the Farnsworth Art Museum (207-596-6457), only a few blocks from the waterfront, and the Owls Head Transportation Museum (207-594-4418). You'll have a hoot!



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Sometimes the simplest things are the most rewarding—like a walk out to the end of the breakwater or a bicycle trip through the Georges River Land Trust. Call (207-594-5166) for information on where to begin pedaling.

Restaurants and Provisions

You'll appreciate the availability of ATMs, grocery stores, and restaurants in Rockland. With respect to eateries, this town doesn't quite match up to Camden—in quantity, that is. Quality is another matter, and there are a few spots you'll want to try.

Sooner or later, everyone in town ends up at The Water Works (207-596-7950) for a relaxing meal and beer on picnic-style tables; it's reminiscent of a European brewhouse. Other notable restaurants are Second Read (207-594-4123), Schooner Fare (207-596-0012) and Rockland Landings & Marina (207-596-6563).

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At the end of the mile-long Rockland Breakwater, the lighthouse stands as a welcoming beacon for all who come to Rockland Harbor. © Mary Jane Hayes

Navigation and Anchorages

From the north

From Camden, Rockport or other points north, head about 217°m for about 5nm from a point just west of FL G 6s 26ft 6M G "5" marking the western edge of **The Graves**. Keeping BELL R W "RO" at the entrance to **Rockport Harbor**, and G C "1," at **Brewster Point Ledge**, to starboard, this course will take you to a point just east of FL 5s 39ft 17M HORN at the end of the mile-long **Rockland Breakwater**.

From the south

From the south, begin at Mo(A) GONG R W "PA" east of **Andrews Island** and head about 4nm due north to Mo(A) GONG R W "PB." From there, turn to about 285°m for 3.1nm to enter **Rockland Harbor**, midway between the light on **Rockland Breakwater** and G C "1" north of **Spears Rock**.

In good visibility hug **Owls Head** to cut down on distance. From gong "PA" head about 005°m for 3.8nm to reach BELL G "3," just east of **Monroe Island**. From here, you'll see the Owls Head Light (F 100FT 16M HORN). Keep a good distance between you and the Owls Head shoreline before curling east into Rockland Harbor.

Rockland Harbor

As soon as you pass inside of the breakwater, head north for a fine anchorage, especially in an easterly blow. During a storm or strong blow, this anchorage will be packed; the breakwater makes a considerable difference in chop.

The main mooring field, along with the part of town where you'll find the public landing and marinas, is to the west of the breakwater light. From here, head about 283°m to R N "2" and the beginning of the main channel. At R N "4" the channel splits—to the north is the Coast Guard Station and marinas like Knight's Marine Service. To the south are several more marinas, including the town docks.

The main mooring field is marked on NOAA chart #13307 as ANCHORAGE AREA, south of G C "1." These moorings are protected in everything except an easterly wind, in which case you'll want to head to the anchorage in the northeast corner of the harbor. The town owns 15 of the nearly 400 moorings. Hail the harbormaster on VHF 9 for available moorings. The harbormaster's office is near the pier, in a white building that holds the Chamber of Commerce as well. The town also maintains a dock. The southern half of the harbor is designated as a large ship anchorage.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

Coast Guard: All stations monitor VHF 16

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

Radio Telephone:



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BOOTHBAY HARBOR

As spring dawns in Boothbay Harbor, seasonal residents and vacationers return like birds from the south to fill the gingerbread cottages. The narrow streets crowd up, coins clink in the meters, and lines snake from the ice cream counters once again.

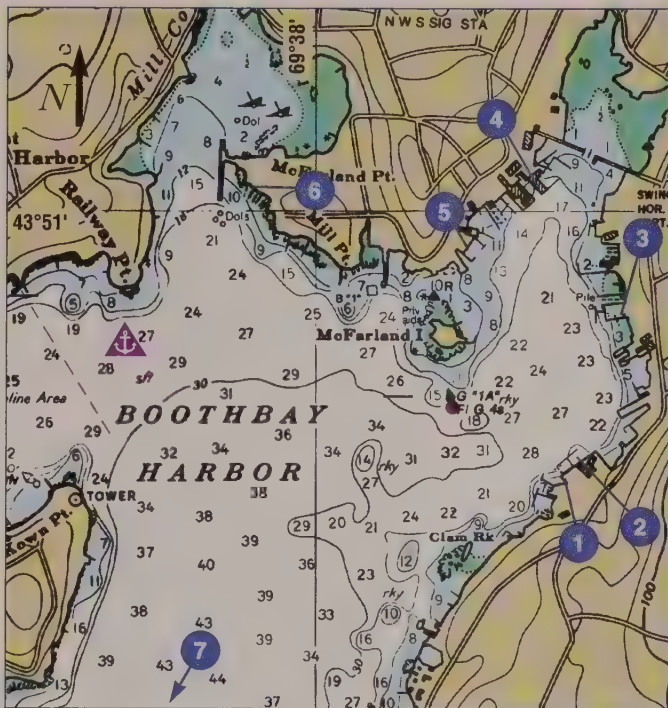
Boothbay Harbor's summer face—abloom with flowers, bathing suits, and Bermudas—is most familiar. People from all reaches of eastern America and Canada come to soak up the ideal, seldom steamy weather that continues into October.

Deep into the leaf-peeping season, tour buses deliver groups of non-Mainers, while boaters loosen the lines for that last outing of the year and marinas bustle with haul-out tasks. Winter is long yet satisfying for residents, who get to relax and enjoy their lovely town at its unrushed best. But soon enough, the harbor fills up again and the lobstermen and fishermen, who have worked hard throughout the frosty season, are no longer alone.

What To See and Do

Naturally, activities in this classic Maine-coast town revolve around the water. Stroll across the footbridge, indulge in some fudge, inspect the antique shops, and let the photo-worthy scenery satisfy your shutterbug instinct.

Get the crew back on the water with one of the cruises that leave from Boothbay Harbor. See whales, seals and puffins on the outer islands, or help out with trap-hauling aboard a hands-on lobster boat. Call Cap'n Fish's Scenic Boat Trips (207-633-3244), *Miss Boothbay* (207-633-6445), Boothbay Whale & Birdwatch (207-633-3500), or Balmey Days (207-633-2284) for information on a variety of excursions.



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For outing alternatives, cast off with Breakaway Sportfishing (207-633-6990) or take a sunset tour via kayak

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BOOTHBAY HARBOR



The harmony between Boothbay Harbor's unique craftspeople and its natural beauty truly illustrates "local color." © Embassy

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Located in the heart of scenic Boothbay Harbor just 400 yards from the village center, the Tugboat Inn Marina offers boaters convenience and accessibility to town combined with privacy and charm in a comfortable, casual, waterfront atmosphere.

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with Tidal Transit Co. (207-633-7140). Tidal Transit also rents bicycles, as does Auclair Cycle & Ski (207-633-4303). Those with lazier legs can ride the Rocktide Inn's free trolley, which makes eight stops around town, including one at the Marine Resources Aquarium (207-633-9542).

Restaurants and Provisions

When mealtime comes around, we hope you're in a seafood mood. Beyond that, whether the scene you seek is quiet, romantic, or lively, you'll find it in Boothbay Harbor.

Perched upon a picnic table, dining "in the rough" wharfside amid the working boats—it's as much of an experience as it is a meal. Quell that craving for crustaceans at the Lobster Dock (207-633-7120), Lobsterman's Co-op (207-633-4900), or Sea Pier (207-633-0627). The seafood here is fresher than a teenage boy on a second date.

McSeagull's (207-633-5900), Voila on the Water (207-633-7226), and Chowder House (207-633-5761) are all deservedly popular. For a fine meal with a side of entertainment, head to the Tugboat Inn (207-633-4434), J.H. Hawk (207-633-5589), or the Boothbay Harbor Inn (207-633-6302). Sit at the waterfront deck of the Blue Moon Cafe (207-633-2349) and check out their unique menu, including some vegetarian selections.

When you need a quick bite or a box lunch, Upper Deck Cafe (207-633-7447) or Eastside Market and Deli (207-633-4616) will do the trick. Just about a mile outside of town, a pleasant walk or trolley ride away, you'll find a shopping area with a supermarket, pizzeria, convenience store, and full-service pharmacy. Back in town, head to Grover's Hardware (207-633-2694) or Marine Supply Inc. (207-0709) to satisfy your nautical needs.

Navigation and Anchorages

From the south

From green bell "1C," keep Fl (2) 6sec 59ft 12M HORN at the Cuckolds to port and head north into Boothbay Harbor. You can either cruise east or west of Squirrel Island. To either side, follow the buoys into Boothbay Harbor. Along the way you'll pass Boothbay Region Boatyard.

From the east

From red and white Mo(A) BELL "HL," simply follow the red 150 6s 36ft 9m horn on Ram Island. Heed red nuns "4," "6," and "8" rounding the south end of Linekin Neck before heading northwest toward Boothbay Harbor.

Boothbay Harbor

Navigating into Boothbay Harbor is simple, with a well-marked passage through reliably deep (20 feet) water. Be sure to pass west of FL R 4sec "8." Passing east of Tumbler Island is an invitation for disaster—don't do it.

Due north of FL R "8" is the Boothbay Harbor anchorage, extending south-southeast from Railway Point. From FL R

"8," head northeast for most of the marinas. Leave FL G 4sec "1A" to port.

At the harbormaster's request, follow the No-Wake buoys in the outer harbor for orderly passage through the mooring fields and fuel floats in this popular area.

The town doesn't own any moorings but it does have a float with a three-hour tie-up. Docking is permitted on both sides except in the areas colored yellow—these areas are for emergency use only. There is no overnight dockage at the town docks.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

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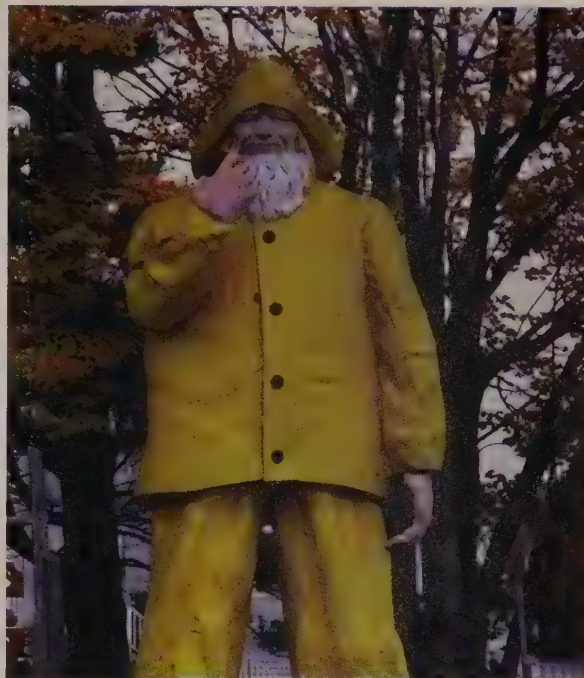
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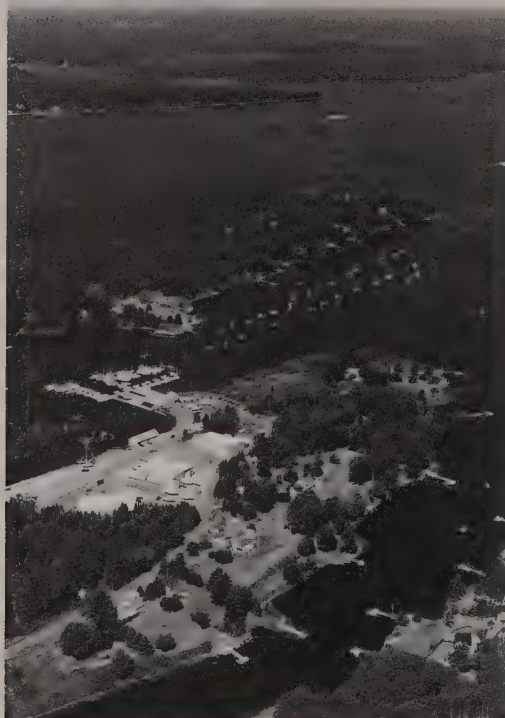
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Embassy Guides

*I remember the black wharves and the slips,
And the sea-tides tossing free
And Spanish sailors with bearded lips
And the beauty and mystery of the ships
And the magic of the sea.*

from "My Lost Youth," Henry Wadsworth
Longfellow, born 1807, Portland, Maine

A bustling, waterfront city greets you as you enter Portland Harbor, fronted by the docks and bulkheads that helped inspire Longfellow's verse. Commercial Street houses a large fishing fleet, ferry terminals and shipping berths, and brick commercial buildings provide a glimpse into Portland's industrial heyday. Telling the tale of the long-ago coexistence of rich and poor (likely factory owners and their workers), elegant homes abut humble, multi-family dwellings.

Even with all of this activity, Portland retains charm and appeal. The reborn industrial architecture, especially in the Old Port section, invites you to take a look around. Accept the invitation and stay awhile. You'll discover unique treasures, exquisite food, and even a bit about the history of Maine.

What To See and Do

The heart of Portland's downtown encompasses a few blocks of waterfront. Today, gourmet markets and specialty shops line Exchange Street, the core of the downtown district.

If you're in the mood for culture, visit the Portland Museum of Art (207-775-6148) or check out the Portland Symphony Orchestra at the renovated Merrill Auditorium at City Hall (207-842-0800). If you're interested in a little "play time," call the Portland Stage Company (207-774-0465).

Got tykes on board? Tote them to the Children's Museum of Maine (207-828-1234), where hands-on exhibits will keep their young minds enchanted. Get on track at the Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad and Museum (207-828-0814) for interesting train-related exhibits and daily train excursions.

For some historical insight into Portland, tour the U.S. Custom House (207-780-3326) to learn about the city's role in 19th century shipping. Walking tours are available with Greater Portland Landmarks, Inc. (207-774-5561).

Restaurants and Provisions

The selection of eateries in the Old Port area of Portland dazzles even the most finicky crew. Start with the unusual: DiMillo's Floating Restaurant (207-772-2216) is a ferry-turned-eatery. On Commercial Street, grab a cup of New England at Gilbert's Chowder House (207-871-5636). Nearby on Portland Pier, slurp down a few at J's Oyster (207-772-4828).

Close to the water sneak a taste of something exotic at Tony's Thai Taste (207-775-7141), or go for that familiar fave at Bill's Pizza (207-774-6166), serving night owls 'til 2:00 a.m. You'll find Fore Street Restaurant (207-775-2717), an upscale grill with lots of brick (including the oven), in the most likely place: Fore Street.



Lighthouses were made for cloudy dog days like this one. © Embassy

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If you're staying in South Portland, drift over to Snow Squall (207-799-2232) for award-winning lobster and steaks, or to Newick's Seafood Restaurant (207-799-3090) for similar dishes. At Spring Point Marina, Joe's Boathouse is a convenient and tasty lunch or dinner stop. A brief walk gets you to several shopping centers to take care of that larder list.

Navigation and Anchorages From the north

Entering Portland Harbor is easy for both cruising boats and ocean-going ships. Once west of Great Diamond and Little Diamond islands, your only concern is avoiding Diamond Island Ledge, marked by Fl R 2.5s 24ft 5M "6." To avoid cutting too close to it, head for Fl G 4s G "1" off Fish Point.

From the south

From Casco Bay, find Fl G 2.5s GONG G "1" east of Jordan Reef off Portland Head. Head northwest through the channel, passing between the mainland and Cushing Island. Swing west around South Portland and into Portland Harbor.

Portland Harbor

You'll find transient facilities on both Portland and South Portland's shores, including South Port Marine, Portland Yacht Services, and Spring Point Marina. Be aware of a No-Wake Zone in the harbor extending from the Maine State Pier to the second bridge.

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17	Bucksport Marina	207-469-5902	16	26	8		S	100	15	15	F	★▲100																													
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18	Bangor Landing	207-947-5251	9		12	4	S	157	14.5	14.5	F	★▲50	D																												
18	Turtle Head Marina	207-941-8619	9			6	Y																																		
18	Winterport Marina	207-223-8885	9		35	10	Y	54			FP	★▲50	RL	RL 100																											
19	Belfast Boatyard	207-338-5098	9		1	4	Y	35	8	8	F	★▲50																													
19	Belfast Public Landing	207-338-1142	16	9	20	4	Y	100	13	10	F	★▲50	R																												
19	Searsport Public Landing*																																								
20	Dark Harbor Boat Yard Corp.	207-734-2246	9	11		15	S	60																																	
21	Hopkins Boat Yard	207-863-2551				2	Y	42		12																															
21	J.O. Brown & Son Inc.	207-867-4621	16	68		3	S	90		6.5																															
21	Thayer's Y-Knot Boatyard	207-867-4701	9	68		2																																			
22	Rockport Marine	207-236-9651			5	15	Y	100	20	10	F	★▲50	D	LC35	PSRGDWE	GD																									
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23	Art's Lobster	207-372-6265				10																																			
23	Cod End Restaurant & Marina	207-372-6782	16	9		20	Y																																		
23	Tenants Harbor Boatyard	207-372-8997		16		6	Y																																		
24	Lyman-Morse Boatbuilding Co.	207-354-6904			5	4	S	110	12	12	F	★▲50	RD	T60																											
24	Port Clyde General Store	207-372-6543				2																																			
24	Thomaston Town Dock	207-354-8777			2	2	S	80		9																															
25	Broad Cove Marine Services	207-529-5186	9		3	4	S	30	41	6	F	★30	RD	T	PF	GD	Tex	MGIB	RP																						
25	Padeboe Boats	207-529-5106				10	Y	45	2	2																															
26	Coveside Inn & Marina Inc.	207-644-8282			10	15	S	125	12	12	F	★50	RD																												
26	Pemaquid Beach Boat Works Inc.	207-677-3726		6		5	Y	50		5.5																															
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27	C & B Marina	207-633-0773	9	16	4	3	Y	120	22	12	F	★▲50	All	All25																											
27	LeeWard Village	207-633-3681	16			6		30		20																															
27	Paul E. Luke Inc.	207-633-4971				20	S	50	16	16																															
27	Smuggler's Cove Inn	207-633-2800				2	S																																		
27	Spar Shed Marina	207-633-4389	16		11	7	Y			9	F	★30	D																												
28	Robinhood Marine Center	207-371-2525	9		10	10		55			F	★▲50	DL	RCT 35																											
28	Sheepscot Bay Boat Co.	207-371-2442	9	69	5	3	Y	42	12	12																															

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Kennebec River to Casco Bay (see also Portland Harbor Highlight)

29	Bath Town Float	207-443-5564						S	225	40	24				R				R		P		
30	Great Island Boat Yard	207-729-1639	9	68	5	2	Y	60	8	8	F	★50	RD	T20	All	GD	BP	MI	RS		P	MVD	
30	New Meadows Marina	207-443-6277	9		10			S	40	3.5	5	F	★20		C5	PGWF	G	Tex	MGI	RS		All	
31	Holbrook's Store	207-725-5697			2				38	20	8								MGI				
31	Sebasco Harbor Resort	207-389-1161	9					S	80	10	8						G		I	RSL	All	All	
32	Cook's Lobster House	207-833-6641			5		Y	50		6	F	★▲	D			GD		I	R		PR	MVD	
32	Dolphin Marina & Restaurant	207-833-6000			2	12	S	60	20	6	F	★	D	T20	All	GD		MI	R		PR	MV	
32	Lobster Village at Mackerel Cove	207-833-6656			4	6	S	150	50	10		★▲50	D			GD		IB	RS	H	PR	MVD	
33	 Brewer South Freeport Marine cover II	207-865-3181	9	10	5	5	Y	150	15	15	F	★▲50	DL	LT35	PRGDWF	GD		GIL	All		PR	MVA	
33	Ring's Marine Service	207-865-6143				20										PSRGDWF			M			MVA	
33	Strouts Point Wharf Company	207-865-3899	9		3	2	Y	120	20	9	F	★▲50	D	L25	All	GD		MI	RSP			MVD	
34	Yankee Marina	207-846-4326						60		7						All				RS		MVD	
34	Yarmouth Boat Yard	207-846-9050	9		6	1	S	40	6	6	F	★30	DL	LT12	PGWFE			M	R			MV	
35	Handy Boat Service	207-781-5110	9	9		20	S	125	15	8	F	★30	L	L35	All	GD	Tex	MILC	RP		PR	MVD	
Cape Elizabeth to Kittery (see also Kittery-Portsmouth Harbor Highlight)																							
36	Rumery's Boatyard	207-782-0408			6		Y	100	10	20	F	★50	D	L25	All				M	RS		P	MV
37	Chick's Marina	207-967-2782	9	68	50		Y	140	6	6	FPC	★▲100	RL	L9	All	GD		MI	RSL		P	MV	
37	Kennebunkport Marina	207-967-3411	9	71	5		S	45		5	F	★▲50	All	T20	PGDE			MIB	RSL		PR	All	
37	Performance Marine	207-967-5550	16	9	2	1	Y	40	8	8	F	★▲	D	L15	PRGDWFE	GD		MIB	RS		P	MVD	
37	Yachtsman Marina	207-967-2511																					
38	Donnell's Marina	207-363-4308			5			130	10	10	F	★▲100	RD										
38	York Harbor Marine Service	207-363-3602	16	9	5		Y	100	9	7	F	★▲■	DL	RL	All	G	Mobil	MI	RSL		PR	MV	
38	York Municipal Moorings	207-363-1010	16	9		10	Y		10				D										

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White Island's lighthouse provides a reliable beacon through foul weather and dark of night. © Mary Jane Hayes

Good things come in small packages, and New Hampshire boating is no exception. Sure, the coastline is only about 18 miles long, but when you unwrap it, you'll find that the sizable and inviting port of Portsmouth, pristine Great Bay, Rye and Little harbors, and the Isles of Shoals satisfy boaters hungry for history and diverse landscape.

There are few actual harbors along the New Hampshire coast, but the three main ports at Portsmouth, New Castle and Rye offer a variety of services and land activities. Fine boating also reigns around the Isles of Shoals, where the beaches, private homes, rocky coast and rich forests of the Granite State provide a scenic backdrop.

New Hampshire cruising spans the gamut, from the cosmopolitan diversions of a city port in Portsmouth to the old-time Yankee atmosphere of its quieter harbors. The wonder of it all is that it comes in a package less than 20 miles long.

Piscataqua River: Little Harbor to Great Bay

Your journey down the New Hampshire coastline begins at the mouth of the Piscataqua River, your entrance to Portsmouth, as well as Kittery, Maine, and Great Bay.

From the mouth of the Piscataqua, marked by Fl R 2.5s WHISTLE R "2KR," there are two routes to reach Portsmouth: through Little Harbor, or through Portsmouth Harbor.

Little Harbor, on the south side of New Castle Island, is the best port from which to access the island—a quiet, picturesque village filled with traditional homes huddled close

together with ocean and river vistas. From Fl R 2.5s WHISTLE R "2KR," head west-northwest to R N "2" at the harbor entrance. From here, a winding, marked and dredged channel heads north to Portsmouth Harbor, giving you the opportunity to explore a few of the smaller islands that dot the area. Note that this through passage is limited by the Route 1-B fixed bridge (vertical clearance: 14 feet at mhw).

You may want to skip the dredged channel and follow the **Piscataqua River** around New Castle Island. From Fl R 2.5s WHISTLE R "2KR" at Kitts Rocks, head northwest past the Whaleback Lighthouse, marked by Fl(2) 10s 59ft 24M HORN, to Fl R 4s R "2." From here, New Castle Lighthouse Fl G 52ft 12M HORN sits to your northwest at Fort Point. Continue north and then west. The river is wide and deep, but stay mid-channel when passing the Naval Shipyard on Seavey Island, as it is a restricted military area and traffic can get rather heavy.

Just past Seavey Island you'll find Portsmouth. A center of maritime commerce and shipbuilding in the 17th and 18th centuries, Portsmouth is a small, cosmopolitan city with a flourishing waterfront district. (Refer to the **Portsmouth and Kittery Harbor Highlight** for more information.)

As you pass several industrial complexes to the south, keep Fl G 4s G "11" at **South Beacon Shoal** to port. Three successive bridges stretch across the Piscataqua from here. The first is a lift bridge that connects Portsmouth with Badgers Island. It has 19 feet of vertical clearance when closed at mhw, 150 feet when open. The U.S. Route 1 By-Pass



Portsmouth Light, also known as New Castle Light. © Embassy

is also a lift bridge with 10 feet of clearance when closed and 135 feet when open. Finally, the Interstate 95 bridge is fixed with 135 feet of vertical clearance at mhw.

Another 1.5nm upriver, the Piscataqua splits. Take the southern fork and you're on your way to Little Bay, which leads to **Great Bay**. At 2 miles long and 3 miles wide, Great Bay is the second largest estuarine bay on the east coast. The area teems with assorted recreational craft taking advantage of the fantastic conditions and abundance of bluefish and striped bass. Vast areas of unspoiled woods, homes and docks line the banks, making it a favorite among naturalists and photographers. There are marinas and services available here, too.

Rye to Hampton Harbor and Isles of Shoals

The few attractions to be found in **Rye Harbor**, the essence of a New England port, cater to transients and locals alike. Two popular beaches, Wallis Sands and Jenness Beach, are not far from the harbor. An annual tuna tournament and a bluefish tournament are held in August.

From Fl R 2.5s WHISTLE R "2KR" at the mouth of the Piscataqua, head to Fl G 4s BELL G "1" at Gunboat Shoal, then southwest to Mo(A) WHISTLE R W "RH." Keep G C "1A," east of Foss Ledges, to your west. The entrance to Rye Harbor, protected by two breakwaters, is marked by Fl R 6s 24ft 5M R "4" and G C "3."

The **Isles of Shoals**, consisting of nine islands located 5 miles east of Rye Harbor, are among New Hampshire's best cruising grounds and are sure landmarks from which to approach mainland ports. (*Refer to the Isles of Shoals*

Harbor Highlight for more information on cruising the islands.)

Near the southern border of the state, about 10 miles southwest of Portsmouth Harbor, Hampton and Seabrook share **Hampton Harbor**, a compact port that offers good protection in foul weather. The harbor is close to Hampton Beach and its lively amusements. On the other side of the inlet is Seabrook Beach, seldom as crowded as Hampton.

Set a course for Fl R 4s BELL R "2," south of the Hampton Harbor entrance. This seemingly roundabout route keeps you east of several rocky ledges: Old Cellar Rock, Inner Sunk Rocks and Outer Sunk Rocks, all marked by white and orange buoys. Turn northwest to GONG R "4" and R N "4A" before heading under the Seabrook-Hampton Bascule Bridge with a vertical clearance of 18 feet at mhw. Two jetties mark the entrance to the harbor. Part of the south jetty is submerged, but both are marked by day beacons so you shouldn't have a problem.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

Coast Guard: All stations monitor VHF 16

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

Radio Telephone:



MARITEL
Marine Communications System

VHF 24, 25, 28, 87

888-MARITEL (888-627-4835)

Tow Service:

SEA TOW

—24-Hour Dispatch (800-4SEATOW)

TowBOAT/U.S.—24-Hour Dispatch (800-391-4869)

—Portsmouth (603-436-0915)

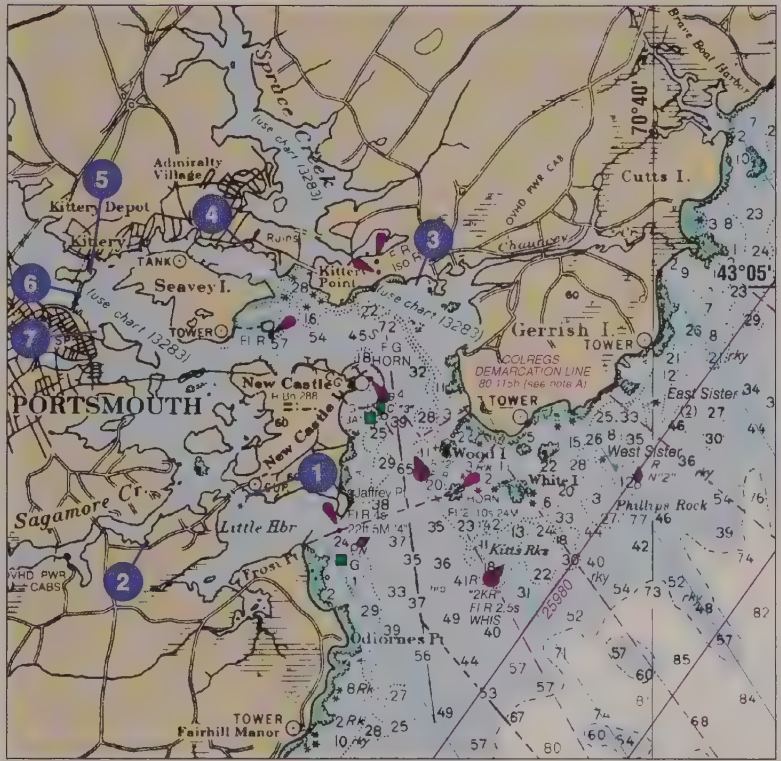
History is King in this ship's cradle of democracy. By 1623, the first settlement was established at Odiornes Point. New Castle took command thereafter and served as the capital of the Province of New Hampshire for its first 75 years. It was in the mid-1700's that masts started rising and shipbuilding began booming, followed by submarine building in 1908.

Nevertheless, the waterfront wasn't always white picket fences and green lawns: it was the red light district. The most famous of the local businesswomen was Mary Baker, who welcomed lusty sailors with a diamond-studded smile. The Prescott sisters didn't approve of the debauchery, so they bought and demolished all of the bars and brothels.

What To See and Do

While in Portsmouth, walk through the lovely formal gardens at Prescott Park, catch a play at the outdoor theater-in-the-round, or deposit yourself at the enclave of historical houses known as Strawberry Banke Museum (603-433-1100).

Inside the research submarine U.S.S. *Albacore* (603-436-3680), you can't help but feel claustrophobic when you think of the water pressure on those tiny, steel



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You'll get all kinds of artful inspiration from Kittery's waterfront. ©Embassy

hatches. The M/V *Heritage* (800-776-0915) gives a terrific tour of the whole harbor. A guided tour aboard one of the Isles of Shoals Steamship Company (800-441-4620) boats is another way to see the waterfront attractions.

Romantics shouldn't pass up the chance to do the town by horse-drawn carriage (603-427-0044) starting from Market Square. Other attractions are the Seacoast Repertory Theater (603-433-4472) on Bow Street and the Children's Museum (603-436-3853), a couple blocks south on Marcy Street.

Kittery is a shopper's heaven, with outlet store upon outlet store lining U.S. Route 1. Grab a cab—and your wallet—and get a headstart on holiday shopping.

Restaurants and Provisions

In Kittery Point, Maine, Frisbee's Super Market (207-439-0014), the oldest family-owned business in the United States, is the place for provisioning. Ten steps south, Cap'n Simeon's Galley (207-439-3655) overlooks Pepperrell Cove and offers lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch. Across the creek, Dion's Yacht Yard is your best source of marine supplies. In Kittery

proper, Warren's Lobster House (207-439-1630), on the east and mainland side of the Badgers Island bridge, has a fine salad bar and dockage for patrons. For everyone's favorite pie, try Kittery House of Pizza (207-439-4989).

Portsmouth is practically overrun with restaurants. You'll enjoy the sites from Dunfey's aboard the *John Wanamaker* (603-433-3111), right at Harbor Place. Bow Street is strung with more choices, almost all with a water view: try the Dolphin Striker (603-431-5222) for fine dining; the Stockpot (603-431-2300) for "good food cheap;" Poco Diablo (603-431-5967) for Mexican; or Porto Bello (603-431-2989) for Italian. Downtown is all around you and offers a little of everything.

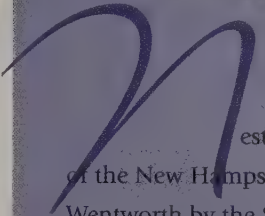
Navigation and Anchorages

Little Harbor

If you can make it under the 14-foot fixed bridge at Goat Island, you can use **Little Harbor** as the "back door" to Portsmouth. It's a roundabout kind of passage, traveling past Wentworth-by-the-Sea Marina and under the Wentworth Road Bascule Bridge (vertical clearance: 12



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Looking west over Pepperrell Cove in Kittery, Maine, to the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. *Courtesy of Cap'n Simeon's Galley*

fect). Just follow the channel through the islands and then under the northern Route 1-B fixed bridge at Goat Island. Mind the 9-foot tides and strong currents, especially in restricted channels. North of Leaches and Pest islands is an excellent anchorage.

At G C "5" take a peek to the west and you'll find Lady Isle, Frame Point, Little Island and Pierces Island. There's an unmarked channel, with only about 3 feet at low tide, that can also take you to Portsmouth Harbor. The Route 1-B Bridge to Shapleigh Island has a 10-foot vertical clearance.

Portsmouth Harbor

Back at the mouth of the Piscataqua River, the main channel from Fl R 2.5s WHISTLE R "2KR" heads northwest toward Whaleback Reef Light and its characteristic mouthful: Fl(2) 10s 59ft 24M HORN. Your next mark north is the Fl R 4s R "2," southwest of Wood Island. Just north of the island is a fine fair weather anchorage with a sandy bottom.

As you continue north, **Portsmouth Harbor Light** (a.k.a. New Castle Light) is just ahead to port on Fort Point. To the

west is a fine anchorage—out of most of the current—but a long way out of town.

The river then bends west toward Kittery Point, where you'll see Fort McClary. From Kittery Point, you have some options: head west along the main channel to Portsmouth, northwest along the Back Channel, or north into Spruce Creek. Clarks Cove behind Clarks Island is not an option unless you are a member of the military on active duty or reserve. Spruce Creek is blocked to most cruising boats by the 6-foot clearance of the Kittery Point Bridge.

The **Back Channel** bends to the north of Jamaica Island and Seavey Island, now merged to form the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. With a controlling depth of 14 feet, there is plenty of water, but at high tide there is only 7 feet vertical clearance under the Navy Yard bridges.

Piscataqua River

As you continue upriver, **Goat Island** and the Kittery Point Yacht Club sit south of Seavey Island. Be careful of the tidal rip when rounding Henderson Point Fl R 6s "10." Known as "Pull and be Damned Point" by sailors who had to pull hard

on the oars and sheets to make the turn upriver, the Navy used 46 tons of dynamite to blast 540 feet off the point in 1902—the largest man-made explosion in history.

If you haven't already figured it out, the Memorial Bridge will let you know you're in Portsmouth. It has a central lift span with vertical clearance of 19 feet at mhw, 150 feet when raised. This is the first of three successive bridges that span the Piscataqua. Just upstream, the green Sarah B. Long Bridge (Route 1-B) has a lift span with a vertical clearance of 10 feet when down, 135 feet when raised. Finally the Interstate 95 Bridge is fixed with 135 feet of vertical clearance at mhw.

Little and Great Bays

Continuing along, the river splits at Dover Point with Piscataqua proper leading north to the town of Dover and the main flow heading west to **Little Bay**. Little Bay's entrance at Dover Point can be tricky with currents running in excess of 9 knots at maximum ebb tide. Large standing waves also develop on both the ebb and flood tides. The center span of the Route 16 Bridge has 46 feet of clearance (mhw).



Portsmouth's busy municipal pier: where there's always something fishy going on. © Embassy

Great Bay is a small boat haven full of gunkholes to explore, but the tides run strong in the narrow channels. The creeks also make terrific hurricane holes.

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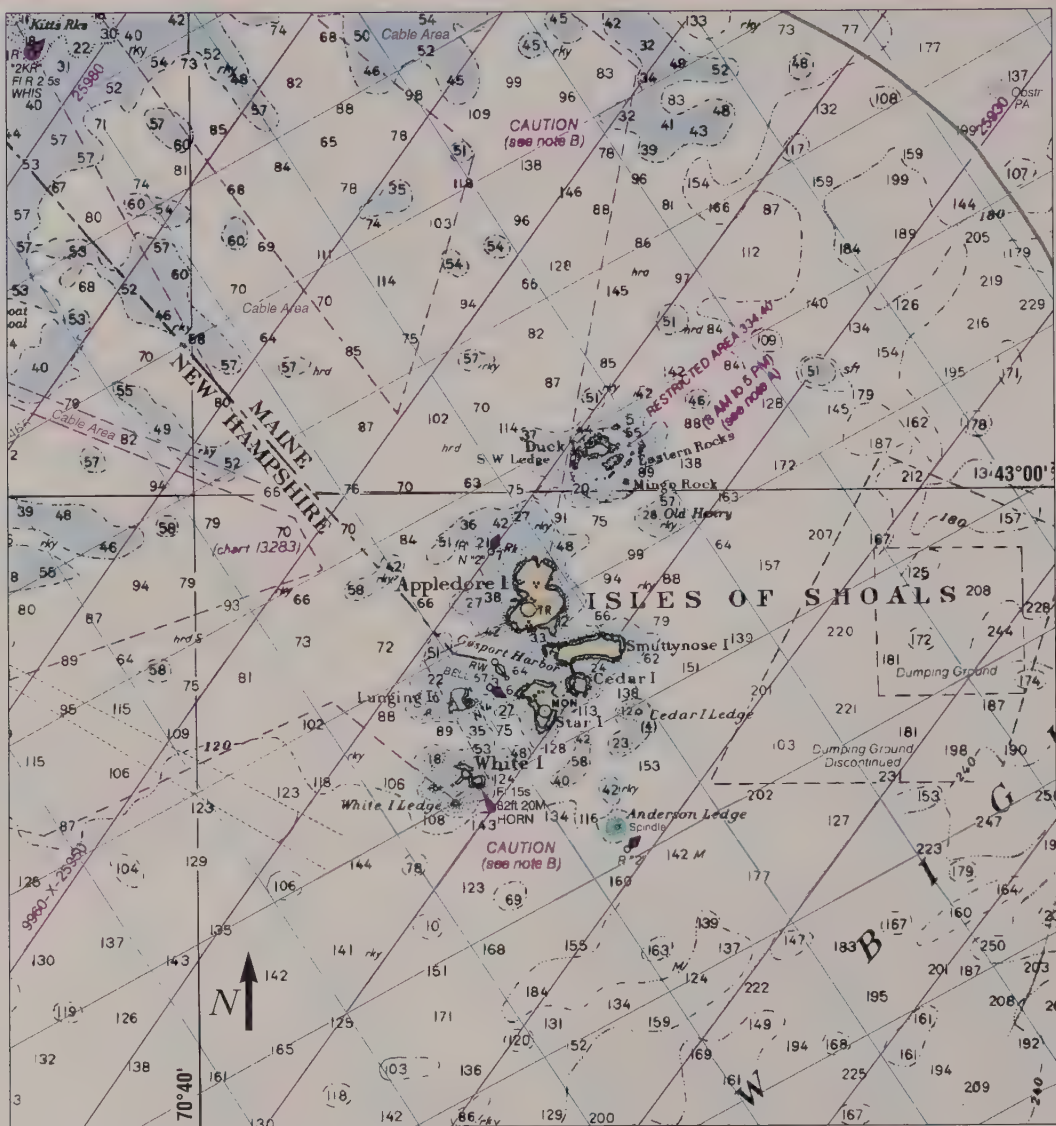
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ISLES OF SHOALS



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The offshore jewels known as Isles of Shoals are split between New Hampshire (Star, Lunging, and White) and Maine (Appledore, Smuttynose, Duck, Cedar, and Malaga). Once home to as many as 600 fishing families, the Isles have a full and captivating history. The largest, Appledore, was once a resort for the wealthy and famous, including Mark Twain, Nathaniel Hawthorne and Ralph Waldo Emerson. These days, it is the center of the Shoals Marine Laboratory, an educational co-op of Cornell University and the University of New Hampshire.

What To See and Do

You're welcome to visit the Isles of Shoals to bask in their beautiful aura, but there are rules in effect for your safety and for the well-being of the islands and their creatures. Many boaters anchor in Gosport Harbor and take their dinghies around to the islands, though tie-up space is limited.

On Star Island you'll see a gazebo and a large, white building, the Oceanic, a conference facility used by organized religious groups. Enjoy the captivating view of the other islands, especially White Island with its lighthouse, from

the Summer House pavilion. Other sites are the Caswell Cemetery and John Smith and Tucke monuments. Visitors are welcome on summer weekdays during daylight hours. On weekends and July 4th, visitors are not allowed between 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The wharf is reserved for Shoals Marine Laboratory boats and the ferries.

Appledore, due north of Star and Gosport, is home to the Shoals Marine Laboratory and its classroom and dormitory buildings, a few private cottages, and thousands of seabirds. The moorings here are private; you may tie up to the back of the small dock if there is space. Once ashore, sign the guest book and acquaint yourself with the regulations.

Don't miss Celia Thaxter's Garden, a replica of the poet's plantings of a century ago. Thaxter, her parents and brothers (the Lightons, who ran hotels on Smuttynose and Appledore) are buried on the island at Loughton Cemetery. Smuttynose visitors may pull up their dinghies at Haley's Cove for a picnic or walking tour. Volunteers, called Smuttynose Rangers, supervise the island in summer.

The islands serve as rookeries for seabirds, who can be mighty protective of their young. Poison ivy abounds, and pets are not allowed (except on Malaga), nor are open flames of any kind; children, including teenagers, must be supervised at all times.

Restaurants and Provisions

If you picnic on the Isles of Shoals, be sure not to leave a trace behind. There is a snack bar, book shop and gift shop in the Oceanic building on Star Island; alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the islands.

Navigation and Anchorages

From the south

Coming from the south you'll want to head for the Isles of Shoals Light, Fl 15s 82ft 21M HORN, on White Island, the southernmost isle. Pass White Island to the east and swing north, heading between Lunging Island and Halfway Rocks marked by R N "4." Turn east, and you're in Gosport Harbor.

From the north

Coming from the north, pass west of Duck Island and head for R N "2" at the northwest corner of Appledore Island. From there, your next mark is RW BELL "IS" at the mouth of Gosport Harbor.

CAUTION: Shag Rock, on the south side of Duck Island, is the center of a 500-yard radius naval aircraft bombing area; vessels are restricted from this area between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

From Portsmouth

From Fl R 2.5s WHISTLE R "2KR" at the mouth of the Piscataqua River, bear 159°m for about 5.1nm to reach RW BELL "IS" at Gosport Harbor.



Forming the backdrop for this green beauty, moored in Gosport Harbor, is the Oceanic conference facility on Star Island. © Mary Jane Hayes

Gosport Harbor

Gosport Harbor is formed by the breakwaters that join Cedar, Malaga, Smuttynose and Star islands. The channels leading in are generally deep and free of obstructions. In a strong westerly or northwesterly blow, Gosport can be a horror show; the holding ground is poor, mostly kelp and ledge. In a strong northwesterly, the preferable anchorage is the cove between Smuttynose and Cedar, close to the east side of the causeway that connects them.

CAUTION: Cedar Island Ledge is marked, but only uncovers 4 feet. Pass at least half a mile away.

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The exhilarating vista of Gay Head Cliffs. © Embassy

Would you like to cruise to an island? On a protected bay? In a good stiff breeze on the ocean? Maybe you'd prefer to pick your way along protected coastline. In Massachusetts, you can choose any or all of the above. Take a jaunt to the beautiful Elizabeth Islands or Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. See the northern shore of Cape Cod while sailing on protected Cape Cod Bay. Or stay within eyeshot of the shoreline and use the Cape Cod Canal.

With its varied coastal environment, Massachusetts seems to have more than its fair share of geologic diversity. Like most of New England, the Bay State was once home to glaciers; sandy land such as Cape Cod is the result of deposits left by glacial retreat. Exposed to ocean waves and currents for 10,000 years, Cape Cod was pummeled into its current shape. Only a decade ago, a Chatham beach at the Cape's "elbow" was transformed from one stretch of land into two. It's a perfect example of the forces that are constantly working on the state's coastline.

Other forces traveled to these shores early on as well. The state's leading role in the American Revolution left a bevy of historical towns that greet you as you go ashore. Just about any port in Massachusetts will remind you of our country's austere beginnings—the witch hunts of Salem, the landing at Plymouth Rock, the Boston Tea Party, whaling, farming, and shipbuilding. The architecture of different periods—some original, some restored—and pride in the past envelop you as you approach the shores.

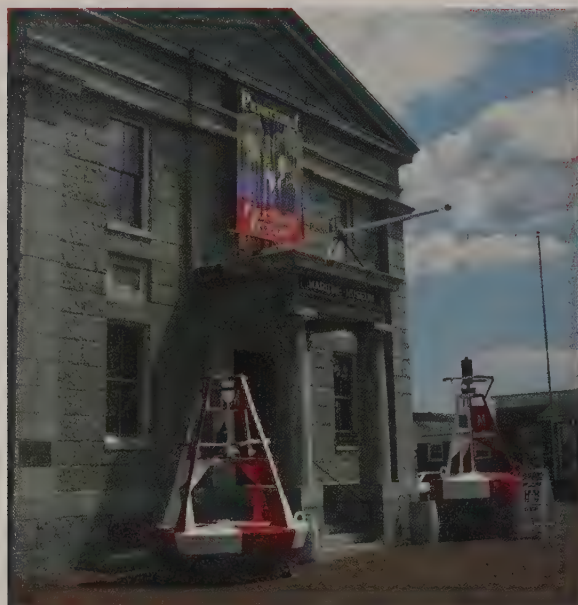
The waters of Massachusetts can be just as hospitable if you simply pay attention to the rules. You can take to your boat as early as May and as late as October, but temperate weather is guaranteed in the summer season. Of course, that's when everyone else goes boating—reservations are a good idea.

On the Atlantic side of Cape Cod, you'll find some of the most daunting conditions for boaters. Around 3,000 ships have gone down in the waters between Race Point, at the tip of Cape Cod, and the island of Nantucket. Nantucket Sound is riddled with long shoals. So while you travel from shore to island to cape, follow the charts closely. Use the channels; don't try to skip over shallows or shoals if you have a deep draft, and watch the weather.

Merrimack River to Cape Ann

Massachusetts cruising begins in Newburyport at the Merrimack River. Wander the streets of this historic town and you'll get a first taste of all you're about to experience in Massachusetts. Visit the Old Hill Cemetery, the Old Gaol (or jail), the Cushing House Museum (978-462-2681), and the Custom House Maritime Museum (978-462-8681).

The channel to the Merrimack River is marked by Fl R 4s BELL R "2." **Newburyport** sits on the south bank, 3 miles upriver. You'll spot Newburyport by its large water tank and church spires. The river itself is well marked and easily navigated. Where most boaters run into trouble is at its



The maritime museum in Newburyport. © Embassy

entrance—**The Bar**. When combined with an ebbing tide and a northeasterly wind, this bar area can become downright treacherous for the inexperienced skipper or boaters in small craft. Approaching the mouth of the river, on the north jetty you'll see a sign that reads, "Bar Is Rough." When the swells become greater than 2 feet, the light will flash. Heed this warning. Hail the harbormaster on VHF 12 beforehand to check on conditions.

Plum Island, partly a national wildlife refuge, stretches for 7nm south of the Merrimack River entrance. This sanctuary is inaccessible to boaters. You'll be able to view the area if you stay in Essex. At the entrance to Plum Island Sound is Ipswich, a shellfishing town which has no services for transients. Approach Essex via Fl G 4s BELL G "1" in Ipswich Bay. Avoid entering this area in poor weather or at night. Buoys marking the channel move frequently because of the shifting sand bar. Entry is especially difficult with an ebb tide and an easterly breeze; the area is quite shallow at low tide.

Farther south along the coast, you'll see **Cape Ann** stretched before you. If your boat draws less than 5 feet, you can head straight for the **Annisquam River**, which combined with the Blynman Canal forms a connection between Ipswich Bay and Gloucester Harbor. This passage is primarily used by smaller craft. If you choose this route, you'll come out in Gloucester Harbor and miss the harbor village of Rockport on the outside of Cape Ann.

Rockport is a quaint town with winding streets, but it does get packed with tourists. You'll find plenty to do in town—attend one of the many concerts given by the

Rockport Chamber Music Festival (978-546-7391), watch or join in the Fourth of July Parade (978-546-6575), head to the 54-acre state park at Halibut Point, or sit back and enjoy the picturesque harbor.

To get here you'll pass Halibut Point, marked by Fl G 4s GONG G "1AHP." Then head for GONG G "3" into Sandy Bay. Rockport, which is protected by two breakwaters, sits on the southeast end of Sandy Bay. The northern breakwater is marked by Fl R "6," while the southern one remains unmarked. The entrance channel is between the barriers; only a few moorings and berths are available in the harbor.

Gloucester Harbor to Lynn Harbor

On the south shore of Cape Ann, Gloucester's statue of the raincoat-clad fisherman stares out to sea. Feel free to hug the shore on your approach to **Gloucester Harbor**. In good weather, you can point somewhere between R N "4," marking Webber Rock, and the Fl 5s 57ft 24M light at Eastern Point. From here, head just south of the breakwater, marked by Oc R 4s 45ft 10M HORN. Turn north, staying between R N "2DB" (west of the horn) and G C "1DB," for a clear shot into the harbor. (*Refer to the Gloucester Harbor Highlight for more information.*)

Farther down the coast in **Manchester-by-the-Sea**, wealthy Bostonians are more the order of the day. A walking tour is the best way to see the sights of this compact town. Stroll by elegant homes once belonging to well-known families, such as the Coolidges. On your way, take in some local history at the Trask House (978-526-7230) on Union Street, or inquire about the occasional summer concerts in Masconomo Park, on the harborfront off Beach Street.

Coming from the east, pick up Fl R 4s WHISTLE R "2" off Eastern Point and head west-southwest toward Salem Channel and R N "6" at Gales Ledge. While you may be in a hurry to get to your destination, take time to enjoy the fantastic view of the Boston skyline. Next, head for R "8" at Whaleback Rock. Leave it well to the north, and follow the channel buoys into the harbor.

If you feel a spell coming over you, it could be because **Salem Harbor** is around the corner. Your curiosity will undoubtedly be piqued by Salem's legendary witchcraft. Coming from Manchester, the easiest approach is through Salem Channel. Keep to the south of Fl R 2.5s WHISTLE R "10" off Great Misery Island. The well-marked Salem Channel leads you into Salem Sound where Salem and Beverly harbors can be reached. (*Refer to the Salem/Beverly Harbor Highlight for more information on those ports.*)

To the south, **Marblehead** is full of little shops tucked away along winding, one-way streets. From Salem Sound head south down Marblehead Channel, passing between G C "5" at Coney Ledge and R N "6" at Cutthroat Shoal. As you continue down the channel, the tree-covered Eagle Island sits to the east. Pass between Fl G 4s G "3" and Fl R 4s R "4"

at the south end of Eagle Bar. From here, turn southwest into the harbor. (*Refer to the **Marblehead Harbor Highlight** for more information on this busy harbor.*)

On the way to Boston, you may want to make a quick stop at Lynn or Nahant. Tie up in **Lynn** and enjoy some of the area's attractions: free concerts on Wednesday evenings and Sundays, tennis courts, bicycle routes, and miles of beautiful beaches. If you come ashore at the Tudor Wharf in **Nahant**, you can leave your dinghy at the beach and walk the length of town. You can scuba dive at Castle Rock, cool off at Short Beach, or tee off at Kelley's Green 9-hole golf course (781-581-0840).

Heading to Nahant Harbor, pick up Fl R 4s R "2" off Shag Rocks. Swing northwest into the harbor, while keeping an eye on the Spindle, marked by R N "6," and Joe Beach Ledge, marked by R N "4." To approach Lynn Harbor, continue west past Nahant Harbor and Shag Rocks until you pick up Fl R 2.5s R "2," which starts you into a well-marked channel.

Boston area

An archipelago consisting of 30 islands at the entrance to Boston Harbor awaits as you head toward the capital city. The one thing you're sure to find around the islands is peace and quiet. Although many are open to visitors as the Boston Harbor Islands State Park (617-727-5290), most are undeveloped. Make it a point to visit **Georges Island**, which serves as the visitor and transportation hub of the entire park.

Your entrance into the island area is either the Boston North or South Channels, leading you into **President Roads**. Use The Narrows, south of the entrance channels, to reach Georges Island. Follow the channel between Lovell and Gallops before rounding Fl G 4s 29ft 5M HORN "7" to the west. You'll see Fort Warren, a pier, and a brick information center on the western shore of Georges Island.

While you're inside the islands you can head straight to **Boston** ("Beantown," if you prefer). The list of things to do in Boston is as long and varied as the list of ports in the state. There's simply so much to revere in Boston that it's better to loosen the reins and let the city guide you. Chances are you'll miss essential parts of this great party town (we mean tea, of course) if you plan to adhere to a strict and inflexible schedule. Just head for President Roads and head into the city. (*Refer to the **Boston Harbor Highlight** for more information on this city port.*)

To reach **Dorchester Bay**, head to President Roads. At Fl G 4s G "3," north of Spectacle Island, turn southwest toward Dorchester Bay. The change from natural to dredged channel is marked by Fl G 4s G "5." West of here, markers lead you to Columbia Point. You'll want to head southwest toward Fl R 4s R "12," where you'll cut south along the marked channel into Marina Bay, which has excellent facilities and restaurants. You may also continue beneath the bascule bridge into Dorchester Basin.

The **Weymouth** Fore River and Back River are worth a visit if you're in the Quincy Bay area. From Dorchester Bay

just southwest of President Roads, travel southeast along Western Way, then pass beneath the Long Island Bridge, which has a vertical clearance of 51 feet at mhw. You can then work your way north-northeast between Long and Raiford islands into Nantasket Roads at R N BELL "10A." Your other choice is to head east around Long Island via President Roads, then pick up Nubble Channel to the southeast. From here, continue southeast toward R N BELL "10A." This channel leads you between Hull and Peddocks Island and Hingham Bay. If you follow the channel south, you'll find it splits at Fl R 4s 28ft 4M "18." Head east for Back River; southwest for Fore River.

Once through Weymouth Fore River you have the option of visiting Quincy, with Quincy Square and its eclectic gathering of American architecture. Stop by the Adams National Historical Site (617-773-1177) for a look at one of the large and well-kept colonial homes.

The historic and tourist-oriented areas of Hull and Hingham bays are your last stops before leaving the labyrinth of Boston Harbor islands. Though **Hull** is only a small spit of land and Hingham not much larger, there's no shortage of things to do. The Hull Lifesaving Station has an observation tower and exhibits commemorating the efforts of Joshua James, a lighthouse keeper who rowed out into the harbor to rescue the crews of stranded ships at the turn of the century. Fort Revere, built during World War I, also has an observation tower. The towers provide a spectacular view of Boston.

Hingham is alive with vibrant shops and historic New England sites. The Old Ordinary (781-749-0013) on the hill above Lincoln Square has fabulous twelve-over-twelve windows and is capped with a wooden, shingled roof. Old Ship's Church on North Main Street was built in 1681 and is the oldest continuously operating house of worship in America.

To go through Hull Bay to **Allerton Harbor**, take the main channel through Hull Gut at the northeastern tip of Peddocks Island. Hull Gut passage gets extremely congested



"Motif No.1" has drawn more than its share of attention. © Embassy

at times. Heed the buoys and beware of the currents, which can run up to 5 knots. Keep well outside of Outer Seal Rock to reach Allerton Harbor. Once abeam of Outer Seal Rock, head for the gold cupola of the school ahead. Come in close to the beach before cutting north into the harbor, where you'll find anchorages on both sides of the channel. The bottom is muddy and offers good holding for most anchors.

For **Hingham Harbor**, keep Fl G 4s G "1" at Bumkin Island Shoal to port. Just before Fl(2+1) G 6s GR "HH" the marked channel for the Weir River breaks off to the east. The channel into Hingham Harbor begins at Crow Point to the south and runs for 1.3nm to the inner harbor, which is generally used by smaller boats due to water depths at low tide.

Cohasset Harbor to Plymouth Harbor

Just a short jump down the coast takes you to **Cohasset Harbor**. You can moor or anchor in the harbor, but transient facilities are usually limited, so call the harbor master's office (781-383-0863) ahead of time. Once you're there, enjoy a relaxing stroll to Cohasset Commons, one of the most picturesque commons in coastal New England.

Don't put your navigation skills to rest yet. Cohasset Harbor has three passages through the many rocks and ledges scattered across its mouth: **Western Channel**, **Gangway** and **Eastern Channel**. The northern approach is by way of the Gangway, the only lighted passage, identified by Fl G 6s BELL G "1G." The 5-foot deep channel will lead you to Cohasset Cove. You may want to look for an anchoring spot before the channel in Sandy Cove since so many moorings in the cove are privately owned.

Scituate awaits just to the south, ready to fulfill all your expectations of a quaint Massachusetts seaside town: shingled Cape houses slightly weathered by the wind, sand dusting every street, wrap-around porches, and the strong salt smell of the sea. Take all this in on a walk to the Mann Farmhouses and Historical Museum (781-545-0474), situated on three acres of rolling land, or visit one of many small museums, such as the Cudworth House or the Little Red School House (781-545-1083).

Navigating into Scituate is not only a relief after the tougher northern work, but is also quite beautiful. The harbor is best approached from the east between two gorgeous points of land: First Cliff and Cedar Point. Follow the well-marked channel after starting with G C "1" and R N "2." You should make arrangements with a marina in the area ahead of time as most space in the harbor is taken by privately maintained moorings.

As you enter **Cape Cod Bay**, you're heading into the nook of the great curled arm with its clenched fist, otherwise known as Cape Cod. In addition to the exciting ports on the bay, you may be lucky enough to spot some of the underwater wonders while you cruise these waters—the whales. Stellwagen Bank, a 110-foot underwater bank about 12 miles off the coast, extending from Gloucester to

Provincetown, is a national marine conservation area. You're likely to see humpback and fin whales and Atlantic white-sided dolphins in these waters. Many whalewatching tours are available, but you may want to wander on your own.

Green Harbor, directly west and just slightly north of the fist, introduces you to Cape Cod Bay. Green Harbor is a small fishing community with clapboard or shingle-sided houses set nearly flush to one another along narrow streets. Take in the local flavor, or take a taxi to Green Harbor proper, 3 miles away. There you can see the preserved home of American orator Daniel Webster (781-837-9400) alongside a blacksmith's shop, or visit the historic Winslow House (781-837-5753).

The entrance to Green Harbor is marked by Fl G 4s G "3," located 2nm southwest of Fl R 4s BELL R "6" at Farnham Rock. Look for the microwave towers west of the entrance. Although moorings and anchorages are hard to come by, there are marinas that provide transient dockage here.

Both anchorages and moorings are easier to come by in Duxbury Bay just around the corner. Though many of the other coastal towns are alluring, **Duxbury** has its own brand of beauty. The curved shoreline is decorated with mansions, and the boat basin is lined with fine shops. Visit the Old Shipbuilders District, but don't forget about the Duxbury Art Complex (781-934-6634) and Myles Standish's Homestead. The Standish Monument on a 116-foot tower rising on Captain's Hill provides a wonderful view of the harbor.

The town of **Plymouth**, south of Duxbury Bay, is an historic, coastal village with a thriving waterfront, and all the services and amenities you might need, including Brewer's Plymouth Marina. There is "The Rock," of course, but historic buildings stand in every direction. View the sights by hopping aboard the Plymouth Rock Trolley (508-747-3419), which departs from the Village Landing Marketplace two blocks west of the Mayflower II, or bike it—there are shops for rentals. Then again, walking will do you fine.

Both Duxbury and Plymouth are approached through the opening between Duxbury Beach and Plymouth Beach. From Green Harbor, head south toward Fl(3) 30s 102ft 14M HORN **Plymouth Light** on **Gurnet Point**. Once there, you'll spot R N "2" leading you into the channel. The channel splits at Fl(2) R 5s 35ft 6M HORN, known as "Bug Light." Both channels (south for Plymouth, north for Duxbury) are well marked, and both areas have anchorages and docking facilities.

Cape Cod: Provincetown to the Canal

From Plymouth or Duxbury you have two choices: head south to the Cape Cod Canal, or head east to Provincetown and tour the relatively unvisited towns along Cape Cod Bay. Provincetown, on the "fist" of the Cape, is 25 miles out to sea and forever wrestling with the wind and water. Only "three miles long and two streets wide," P-town brims with life and the appeal of merriment. The main attraction in town is everybody else. Walking, rollerskating, biking down



Looking north over crowded Scituate Harbor. © Alex S. MacLean

Commercial Street, or just sitting on a stoop—you come here to see and be seen. For a walking map, list of attractions and events in town, call 508-487-3424.

Provincetown Harbor at the breakwater is 26nm east of Plymouth. If rounding Race Point, be careful of a wreck .85nm south-southwest of the light. Your first mark will be Fl G 4s BELL G “1” south of Wood End. From here, head for Q G BELL G “3” east of Long Point. You can anchor just about anywhere in the harbor, as there is plenty of deep water. There are also several facilities available.

Continuing down the “forearm” of the cape, your next port-of-call is **Wellfleet Harbor**. The foremost attraction in Wellfleet is the water. If you want the salty variety, try the surf beaches on the Atlantic side, or the warmer and calmer bay side at Mayo, Duck Harbor, Power’s Landing and Indian Neck. While out and about, you have the entire Cape Cod National Seashore to explore.

Wellfleet is about 9nm south of Provincetown. Head for Fl G 4s BELL G “1” at the southwest end of Billingsgate Shoal. Coming from the north, you may not want to swing so far west, but there are no other markers between the bell and Billingsgate Island, and the island disappears at half tide.

From the bell, head for the Fl G 2.5s G “3” at the southern end of Billingsgate Island, then follow the marked channel north into Wellfleet Harbor. Anchoring space is usually available, as are a number of transient moorings and slips at the town marina.

Your next stop en route to the Cape Cod Canal is **Barnstable Harbor**. Entering can be difficult, especially in questionable weather. There are shallow areas and the tidal currents are tricky. Your approach should begin at the Mo(A) BELL RW “BH.” You then have a straight shot to Fl R 2.5s R “8” off Beach Point, but watch for strong cross winds and currents. To reach the marinas in Maraspin Creek, follow the marked channel scrupulously. The buoy Fl G 4s G “11” at Horseshoe Shoal marks an obstruction, which nonetheless should be kept very close to port.

The Cape Cod Canal

The Cape Cod Canal makes a trip from Cape Cod Bay to Buzzards Bay extremely short and much safer than rounding the entire peninsula. Myles Standish was the first to suggest that a channel across the Cape could substantially increase the trade between his colony and the other Dutch and

English colonies along the Atlantic Coast. The Cape Cod Canal was completed almost three centuries later in 1909.

Now 200 yards wide, the Cape Cod Canal has plenty of room for everything but supertankers and aircraft carriers. Consult your tide tables for more in-depth information on the 5.5-foot tidal difference and swift currents between the east and west ends of the canal. In addition, there are a number of rules for safe passage: boats must observe the No-Wake, 10-mph speed limit, and must complete the transit within 2.5 hours; you must motor through the canal—sailing isn't allowed. For more information or assistance, call the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (508-759-4431).

The east (or bay) entrance to the Cape Cod Canal is easy to make, primarily because it is so well-marked and there are no hazards. The entrance is identified by Q G BELL G "3" and Q R "4." The current at both ends of the canal at peak can reach 6 or 7 knots.

The East Boat Basin is just inside the east end of the canal and a very convenient spot to tie up. The East Boat Basin has a dredged depth of about 9 feet at mean low water. Anchoring and mooring are not allowed, so you should make prior arrangements with the harbormaster's office (508-833-0808) for an overnight slip. You can visit Sandwich, about a mile inland, for a look at what may be the oldest town on Cape Cod. There are several small, yet fascinating museums, including the Yesteryears Doll Museum (508-888-

1711), sitting amid the town offices at River and Main streets. Around the corner is the Sandwich Glass Museum (508-888-0251) with brilliantly etched and colored lamps, bowls and other glasswares, the finest examples from the glass-blowing days of the town.

Buzzards Bay: Onset to Westport

When you exit the canal, duck into **Onset Bay** to the northwest to bask on the white sandy shore, windsurf or fish. There is only one approach into Onset, marked by Q G "21" off Hog Neck. You must keep this mark to the north because of shoals. Staying in the channel, continue toward the town pier that's north-northwest of you. You'll find a safe anchorage after the slight turn at Wickets Island.

From just off Hog Neck, you have two choices: Sail along the mainland coast of Buzzards Bay and head toward Rhode Island, or choose the southern route and see the Elizabeth Islands, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, and the south shore of Cape Cod—all exceptionally beautiful cruising grounds.

Cruising southwest along the well-marked Hog Island Channel, you'll want to head for Q G "1." Here's where the decision comes in: go west or east? If you decide to head west, toward Newport, Rhode Island, you'll exit the channel and aim for Sippican Harbor, identified by Fl R 4s R "2." Be sure to stay south of BELL G "17" and the Bird Island Reef. (The eastern route is explained later.) The channel, which

Cape Cod Canal: 300 YEARS in the Making

Next to the word procrastination in the dictionary there's probably a picture of the Cape Cod Canal. The benefits of connecting Buzzards Bay to Cape Cod Bay were obvious, both economically and for safety reasons, but bureaucracy got the better of common sense.

Nearly 300 years passed between the first mention of a canal—by a Pilgrim, Myles Standish—and the completion of it in the early 1900's. During that span, the Massachusetts government did more waffling on the idea than Eggo—numerous committees were formed, surveys completed, recommendations made, but no canal was built.

In the meantime, mariners had the not-so-pleasant task of navigating around dangerous shoals and contending with violent storms while rounding the Cape.

Luckily, capitalism intervened. It took the foresight—and monetary fortitude—of an individual, August Perry

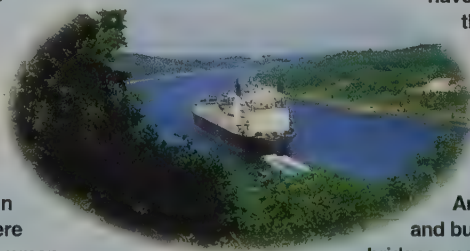
Belmont, to make it happen. Even he had to muddle through inevitable delays before the Cape Cod Canal was completed on July 29, 1914.

When all was said and done, the canal wasn't nearly as financially successful as Belmont would have liked. Between the narrowness of the canal and accidents involving the strong current and low bridges, some mariners opted for the roundabout route. In 1928, three centuries later, the government acted. After buying the canal from Belmont, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers realigned it and built the Bourne and Sagamore bridges, making it an easier pass through.

Today, it's the world's widest sea-level canal and stretches 17.4 miles (total dredged length) from Buzzards Bay to Sandwich with a minimum width of about 480 feet and a controlling depth of 32 feet at mean low water.

Not bad, considering it only took 300 years.

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leads into **Marion**, is a little narrow and there are foul spots on both sides. Local boaters recommend keeping the green cans close to port. Moorings are available from several of the marine facilities in town. Sitting at the head of Sippican Harbor, this shoreside town is the starting point for the Marion-to-Bermuda yacht race and homeport for *Tabor Boy*, a big, black schooner operated by the local boarding school. It's a one-street town with shady trees, picket fences, and a real general store.

True to its Indian meaning, there is something very restful and relaxing about **Mattapoisset Harbor**, the next stop southwest. Visit the historic district, watch the line of fishermen angling for bluefish, or spend the evening at Shipyard Park (508-758-9408) listening to live music from the elegant gazebo. From the entrance to Sippican harbor head for R N "2," south of Angelica Point. Once at the mouth of Mattapoisset Harbor, it's a straight sail into the mooring area.

Herman Melville and Moby Dick come to mind in **New Bedford**, on the Acushnet River. It was from this river that Melville set sail on the journey that inspired his epic novel. By the mid-1800s, New Bedford had a fleet of more than 330 whaleships supported by a battalion of shipwrights, chandleries, sail lofts, and insurance companies. Although New Bedford is heavily industrialized today, don't let it discourage you. There is still a historic, handsome part of town.

The entrance to New Bedford Harbor at the hurricane gate is about 6nm southeast of Mattapoisset Harbor. Keep far enough offshore and you should have no problems, as the main approach to New Bedford is well marked. A deep channel leads into the harbor, starting at Brooklyn Rock, marked by Fl G 2.5s GONG G "7," and Henrietta Rock, marked by Fl R 2.5s R "6." Fairhaven on the east bank has transient facilities and numerous amenities. New Bedford is then accessible across the river, where you'll also find Sea Fuels Marine for gas, diesel and supplies.

If you're scouring the coast for a small village called **Padanaram**, you won't find it. But it's there—it's known as **South Dartmouth**. Although the name **Padanaram** became official in 1817, it remains absent from the charts,



You'll round the picturesque Saquish Head en route to Duxbury to the north (left). Plymouth is to the south (right).
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perhaps as an innocuous way of preventing this unspoiled village from losing its quiet and graceful aura, emphasized by the world-famous Concordia yawls built here.

You'll find Padanaram on Apponagansett Bay. The entrance is marked by Fl R 4s 25ft "8," at the end of the breakwater south of Ricketsons Point. Navigating into the town is simple, as long as you follow the markers. (*Refer to the **Padanaram Harbor Highlight** for more information.*) (pg 104-105)

The last port in Buzzards Bay, and in Massachusetts, is **Westport**, a beautiful and peaceful harbor with clean water. Relaxing on 3.5 miles of public beach at Horseneck Beach or celebrating Westport's annual River Day (508-636-1000) in June are a few of the choices during your stay at Westport.

Traveling from the east, stay well offshore as you begin to exit Buzzards Bay and skirt around Hen and Chickens (the two mounds of rock 0.9nm southeast of Gooseberry Neck). Head for R N "6" off Lumber Rock, leaving it 200 yards to starboard. After rounding R N "6," head for Mo(A) BELL RW "WH" southeast of Two Mile Rock, marking the approach to the channel. From here, navigate for R N "2" and R N "6" at the entrance of the channel into Westport Harbor.

Buzzards Bay: Phinneys Harbor to the Elizabeth Islands

If you opt for the southern route, head south as you leave the Cape Cod Canal and Hog Island. As you head toward Woods



Looking southwest over the Elizabeth Islands. Woods Hole Passage is in the foreground, right, with Cuttyhunk in the distance (upper left). © Alex S. MacLean

Hole, you'll pass a number of small harbors, including Megansett, where you'll find the full-service Brewer's Fiddler's Cove Marina. The western or northern entrance to Woods Hole is marked by Fl G 4s BELL G "13." Follow the channel to Fl R 4s R "10" off Penzance, where it branches eastward. (*Refer to the **Falmouth/Woods Hole Harbor Highlight** for information on this passage.*)

You will undoubtedly be curious about the **Elizabeth Islands**, a string of nine islands that stretch to the southwest of Woods Hole. From Naushon Island to Cuttyhunk, you can scoot into several of the passages to Vineyard Sound—but use caution. The islands are almost uninhabited and without facilities. Still, there are many gunkholes for taking a dip and basking in the beauty.

Your first place to stay is on **Naushon Island's** eastern end at **Hadley Harbor**. You can go ashore on Bull Island for a relaxing afternoon with a scenic view. Approach Hadley Harbor at R N "6," making sure to watch out for Hadley Rock. You'll find the entrance to the harbor at R N "2" and G C "3." Take care when entering between the buoys; rocks are just northwest of the nun. The Inner Harbor provides excellent anchorage with good protection and plenty of space. The channel runs between Bull Island and Nonameset Island.

Make your way to a bight south of the **Weepecket Islands** on the north shore of Naushon Island. There you'll find an unnamed gunkhole with deep water and good shelter from

winds out of the south and east. Just 2.7nm southwest of this spot, still on Naushon's north shore, **Kettle Cove** is a nice spot for a swim. The cove has deep water but is not well protected from the weather.

Before leaving the north shore of the Elizabeths, stop at picturesque **Cuttyhunk Harbor** on the southernmost island. In summer, the moorings and slips fill quickly, so if you're looking for space, go early.

Passing along **Nashawena Island**, be sure to stay at least 700 yards offshore. From Mo(A) BELL RW "CH," cut between R N "2E" and G C "1E" to the harbor entrance. To enter Cuttyhunk Pond from the outer harbor, keep R N "4" to starboard before rounding BELL R "6." (*Refer to the **Cuttyhunk Harbor Highlight** for information on this island.*)

There are three navigable passages through the Elizabeth Islands: **Robinsons Hole**, **Quicks Hole** and **Canapitsit Channel** outside Cuttyhunk Pond. Currents run fast through all of these channels. We recommend that you stick to Quicks Hole, unless you have local knowledge of the area. Canapitsit Channel at Cuttyhunk is narrow, riddled with rocks, and subject to strong currents. And Sow and Pigs Reef extends a mile and a half southwest of Cuttyhunk at its southern tip. Even the *QE2* had trouble here.

While cruising through Quicks Hole, you may want to pull in close to the beach and drop your hook for a while. This is a beautiful, somewhat protected passage and is an

excellent place for a day of swimming, fishing, or just relaxing. We recommend that you motor through the passage. Keep Fl R 4s R "2" to port when heading southeast.

You may want to stop at **Tarpaulin Cove** on the south shore of Naushon Island. It's a beautiful cove with a soft-sand beach. There are no facilities, but that may very well be the best part of this quiet stop.

Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket

From the Elizabeth Islands, you can make a straight shot for Martha's Vineyard or Nantucket, or head toward the south shore of Cape Cod. We'll go to the islands first.

Menemsha Pond fills Martha's Vineyard's baby boot in the west. To the west of the pond are the Gay Head Cliffs, which tower 150 feet above the sea. This makes for a perfect jaunt from the Elizabeths.

Vineyard Sound is deep and clear of obstacles. After the GR C "LS" at Lucas Shoal, head south to BELL G "1" in Menemsha Bight. The holding ground in the bight is an excellent mixture of sand and mud.

While the fishing village of Menemsha is a quiet first stop, **Vineyard Haven** takes you into the center of activity on the island. This is the island's largest and busiest harbor. It is where most of the attractions, shopping and restaurants are located, and where the ferries dock, meaning that tourists arrive by the hordes.

If you want to get away from the hubbub, you can visit the Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary (508-627-4850) located on the border of Vineyard Haven and Edgartown. It's easy and inexpensive to get around the island via bus, or you can rent two- or four-wheeled vehicles.

Coming from the west, stay well shoreside of Middle Ground before rounding West Chop—it's best to head to the east of Fl R 4s GONG R "2," which will keep you clear of the shoals and the point.

In contrast to Vineyard Haven, **Oak Bluffs** is a small, well-protected harbor located on the northeast side of Martha's Vineyard and it is used almost exclusively by pleasure craft. You will witness a tight-knit community that magically comes alive in the summer. In late August, the residents celebrate Illumination Night. They adorn their gingerbread houses with Japanese lanterns in a century-old tradition that symbolizes the closing of the campground season.

Round East Chop by staying north of Fl G 4s BELL G "23." Stay about 300 yards offshore as you continue toward Fl R 25ft 5M "2" on the end of the northern breakwater at Oak Bluffs. If you decide to pass by Oak Bluffs, **Edgartown** is only 6.2nm away. From Fl G 4s BELL G "23" off East Chop, head for BELL R "2," northwest of Cape Pogue. Then head south into the harbor. (*Refer to the Edgartown Harbor Highlight for more information on this port.*)

Nantucket lies 22 miles south of Cape Cod, weathered and beaten by the sea. For years, the island bore men who spent their lives in search of great sperm whales.

From the west, you'll pass along the well-marked Cross Rip Channel (otherwise know as Nantucket Sound Main Channel), between Cross Rip and Horseshoe Shoals. The water outside of the channel is plenty deep for most cruising vessels, but play it safe and stay within the channel. Also beware of heavy seas. West of the harbor, you'll see privately-owned Muskeget, Tuckernuck and Esther Islands. The waters there are tricky and should only be explored in a run-about. Stay in the channel until you are ready to make your approach into Nantucket Harbor, identified by Fl G 4s BELL G "1." The entrance to the harbor begins at Mo(A) BELL R W "NB." (*See the Nantucket Harbor Highlight for more information on this port.*)

Should you decide to spend time in ports along the south shore of Cape Cod, you can make the passage from Nantucket Island to Chatham, but there are many shoals on that route. Your other choice is to skirt the Cape after your visit to the Elizabeth Islands, which is the route we'll take.

Falmouth to Chatham

As you hit the Cape via Woods Hole Passage and Vineyard Sound, your first stop will be Falmouth. One of the attractions of Falmouth is that every amenity a boater could want is within a short walk of the marinas. This tourist center is a stopping place for people on their way to the upper arm of the Cape or to the islands.



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Falmouth Harbor is a narrow haven east of Fl 6s 87ft 12M HORN on Nobska Point at Woods Hole. When approaching from the west you can either head for Fl R 6s BELL R "16" half a mile south of the breakwater or head straight for the breakwater marked by Fl G 2.5s 8M "1." (*Refer to the Falmouth/Woods Hole Harbor Highlight for information on those towns.*)

Farther east is the home of America's royal family—the Kennedys. **Hyannis** is a tribute to sun, sand, seafood and saltwater. Billing itself as the Cape's "hub," the town is packed with restaurants, shops, hotels and people! In June, you'll enjoy the Hyannis Harbor Festival; in August you'll hear the Boston Pops in Pops-by-the-Sea (508-790-ARTS).

Approaching from Vineyard Sound and the North Channel, steer clear of Centerville Harbor and its many rocks and shoals. You can leave the channel at Fl G 2.5s BELL G "5" about 5nm south of Centerville Harbor, or stay closer to shore and head for RG Fl(2+1) R 6s at Collier Ledge. From here, pass to the south of Gallatin Rock, and it's a straight run northeast to the breakwater. If you plan an overnight visit on a weekend, make reservations—the harbor is busy!

On your way to the end of the Cape, you'll come to **Bass River** (about 5nm east of Hyannis) with the developed area of South Yarmouth and West Dennis on its shores. Bass River is used mostly by local boaters, but it's a nice stop if you're in a small boat that can nose up to shore for a picnic.

Another 5nm or so farther east is the completely protected **Allen Harbor**. Nearby is the village of Harwich Port and a small shopping center with a pharmacy, laundromat, market, and package store.

Allen Harbor is difficult to see from Nantucket Sound. The best landmark is a white church spire in Harwich Port, just east of Allen Harbor. From the west, your only real navigational hazard is Kill Pond Bar, with depths of 4 to 6 feet mlw. Be sure to head out to Fl(2+1) R 6s WHISTLE RG "KP" southeast of Kill Pond Bar. From there, approach the first pair of privately maintained buoys G "AH1" and R "AH2." Stay in the channel in Doanes Creek.

Call it the "elbow," or call it **Chatham**. Either way, it's the last land 'til Portugal. Exposed as it is to the open sea, this land is notorious for its changes—lost islands and channels emerging to split land masses. Visit the Chatham Theatre or the Monomoy Theatre (508-945-5985), both offering summer-stock performances. For dining, you can get fresh seafood at the Municipal Fish Pier every afternoon, or eat at one of the fine local restaurants.

While the entrance to Chatham Harbor is downright dangerous, the approach and entrance to Stage Harbor (and the town of Chatham) is straightforward. Approaching from the west is simple—keep at least a mile offshore to avoid the shallows and fish traps. Head for Mo(A) BELL RW "SH" at the entrance to the channel. The old, squat lighthouse on Hardings Beach is an excellent landmark. If you follow the channel to the inner harbor north of Stage Island, you'll find transient facilities.

Your trip along the waters south of Cape Cod can take many routes. You can head back along the coast or skip down to Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. You can come full circle, starting at the islands, and make your way back by way of the Cape. Any way you choose, by the time you leave Massachusetts, you're sure to agree that you've seen some of the finest cruising grounds in the Northeast.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

Coast Guard: All stations monitor VHF 16

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

Radio Telephone:



Marine Communications System 888-MARITEL (888-627-4835)

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—Newburyport (978-462-8855)

—Boston (617-567-8053)

—Cape Cod Bay (781-545-5504)

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—Plymouth (508-747-2744)

—Bass River (508-362-2874)

—Cape Cod (508-577-2869)

—New Bedford (508-990-3997)

What To See and Do

Stroll through Gloucester and its fishing and nautical history is readily apparent. Leonard Craske's bronze statue of "The Man at the Wheel" seems to steer Gloucester through the whitecaps of time.

If all this talk about fishing sets your drag spinning, don't get your line all up in a bird's nest; there are plenty of charter boats available for fishing and whale-watching excursions.

Hook up at the Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce (978-283-1601) on Commercial Street, where you'll find walking maps and a handy Sailor's Guide to help you navigate the myriad streets and sightseeing options.

For a hand getting around, hop aboard a CATA Saltwater Trolley (978-283-7916), which will take you almost anywhere in Cape Ann, whether it's Niles Beach, Rockport, or beyond.

Restaurants and Provisions

While this seafood capital has a fleet of restaurants, Rocky Neck has the best waterfront choices, including The Studio Restaurant (978-283-4123), Dockside Bar & Grille (978-281-4554), and Evie's Rudder (978-283-7967). Basic food and pharmacy needs, along with a bank and laundry, can be met at the Main Street Plaza. Favorites on Main Street are Cameron's (978-281-1331) and The White Rainbow (978-281-0017), where award-winning cuisine complements a well-stocked wine cellar with rare and remarkable vintages.

Navigation and Anchorages

Gloucester Harbor

Nearly perfect in form, Gloucester Harbor features a wide, unobstructed mouth that narrows gradually toward a well-protected clutch of water with four distinct sections. Several buoys and a breakwater mark the entrance.

CAUTION: *The waters surrounding Gloucester Harbor are riddled with lobster pots and fishing boats. Extra care and courtesy is required.*

From the east

Rounding **Cape Ann**, you'll pass **Brace Cove** on the eastern side of Eastern Point, a fine spot for dropping an afternoon anchor. Keep an eye on the depth-sounder as the cove has no markers. The water is deep within 100 feet of **Eastern Point** as you approach Gloucester Harbor. Head between R N "4" marking Webber Rock and Fl 5s 57ft 24M light at the southern tip of Eastern Point. Stay just south of the breakwater and turn north into the harbor between R N "2DB" just west of the western tip of the breakwater and G C "1B."

From the harbor entrance, follow the markers for a clean shot into **Gloucester Inner Harbor**.

From the west

From the west, you'll see BELL G "3" off **Norman's Woe Rock**. From here, head northeast into the main harbor.

Annisquam River

The most direct route from Ipswich Bay on the north side of Cape Ann to Gloucester Harbor is via the Annisquam River, a No-Wake Zone.

CAUTION: *The Annisquam River is shoaling in places. Larger boats may hog the center to avoid the shallows.*

South of the **Route 128 Bridge** (vertical clearance: 65 feet) watch for shoaling near R N "34" and R N "36." In both spots, favor the center of the channel.

Farther south, you'll pass the **Railroad Bascule Bridge** (vertical clearance: 16 feet) which is left open except when a train is due. This stretch has strong currents, and the town ramp on the eastern shore gets crowded during summer.

The **Blynman Bascule Bridge** (Route 127) has a 7-foot vertical clearance and opens on demand, depending on automobile traffic. Hail the keeper on VHF 13. The passage is only 37 feet wide and the current runs fast (often reaching 7 knots), so power up. It's best to time your passage here to coincide with slack tide.

CAUTION: *Southbound traffic—somewhat difficult to see coming from Gloucester—has the right of way at the Blynman Bridge. Northbound boaters should swing slightly to port near the RW C "BC" for better sightlines.*

Inner Harbor

The channel leading into the **Inner Harbor** begins at Fl G 2.5s G "11." To the north, you'll pass the entrance to **Harbor Cove**, marked by G C "13." The public landing (a cement float near a large parking lot) allows tie-ups for an hour and offers access to downtown Gloucester.

The main anchorage in Gloucester, located at the head of the Inner Harbor, is a rough triangle between R N "2N," R N "4," and G C "3." This area was dredged to 16 feet and has a silty bottom. According to the harbor masters, plow anchors don't hold well here, so you should use a Danforth-type anchor.

The Inner Harbor branches around the federal anchorage. North and South channels are both dredged to more than 15 feet, but differ in character. The **North Channel** is still heavily commercial and crowded with fishing vessels. The **South Channel**, on the other hand, is almost entirely recreational, particularly at its head and along the eastern shore.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

Coast Guard: All stations monitor VHF 16

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

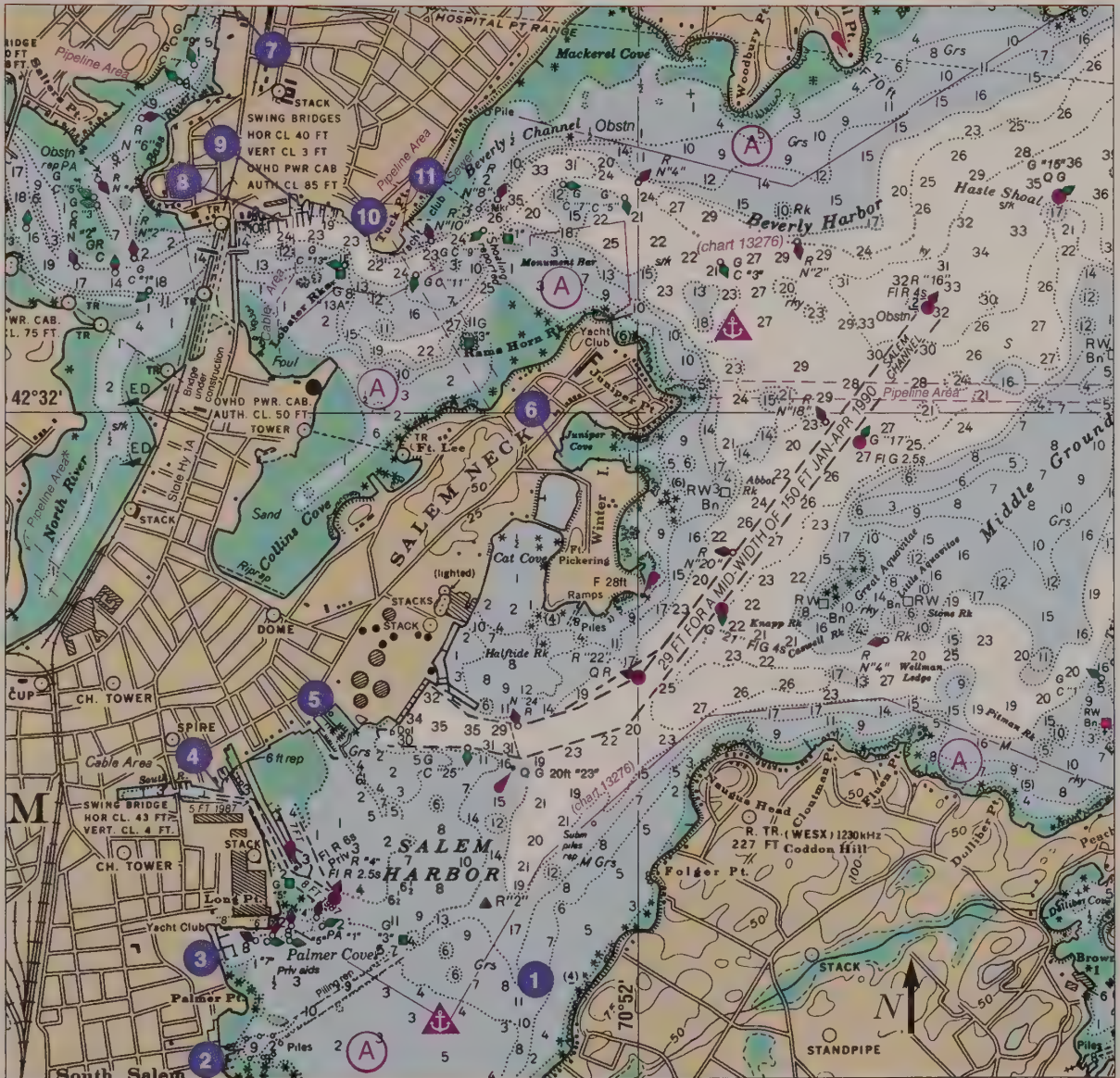
Radio Telephone:

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This little light marks the southeastern end of Winter Island. © Embassy

In 1691, three teenage girls turned the God-fearing town of Salem into a cauldron of false accusations and fictitious stories. When word spread of the girls' practicing of "black magic" and their rambling on in an unintelligible dialect, the townspeople could only come to one conclusion—the devil was at work! Witch hysteria ran through Salem's streets like a sorcerer's curse.

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If you don't have a broom handy, the Salem Trolley (978-744-5469) can sweep you through the streets. It'll point out the half dozen or so museums scattered about that sit as testament to Salem's witchy past.

Get your bearings at the Salem Maritime National Historic Site Visitor's Center (978-745-1470). The preserved homes and warehouses include the celebrated surveyor's office from Nathaniel Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*.

The Pickering Wharf Marina (978-745-9540) complex may remind you of Boston's Faneuil Hall, with restaurants, antiques stores, and specialty shops abounding. A water taxi (978-745-6070) leaves from here to Winter Island Recreation Area. Generations of North Shore sea captains brought back world-class collections of art and artifacts, now on display at the Peabody Essex Museum (978-744-3390).

By comparison, Beverly is more subdued. Independence Park and Dane Street Beach are its quiet attractions.

Restaurants and Provisions

If the number of boats in Salem is any indication of the choice of restaurants in town, be prepared for a tough decision. The Chase House (978-744-0000) features seafood caught daily, with a view of where the fish came from. Near Pickering Wharf, the Grapevine (978-745-9335) serves northern Italian-style dishes. The Love Noodle (978-745-8558) is also a unique treat, as is Victoria Station (978-745-3400).

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Navigation and Anchorages From the northeast

Coming from Manchester or other points northeast, you'll pass through **Salem Channel**, and into Salem Sound. Head for Fl G 4s G "13" at Haste Shoal. The entrance to both Salem and Beverly harbors is just southwest.

From the south

Coming from Marblehead or the south, pick up **Marblehead Channel** between Fl G 4s G "3" and Fl R 4s R "4," and head northwest into Salem Sound toward Fl G 4s G "13." The entrance to the harbors is explained later.

Others may opt for the **South Channel**, closer to shore. From R N "2MH" off Gerry Island at the mouth of Marblehead Harbor, swing northeast around Sellman Berth and R W Bn marking **Kettlebottom Rock**.

Head through the narrow gap between G C "1" and R N "2" (the nun marks a shallow spot at Triangle Rocks). Turn west and steer toward R N "4" and into Salem Harbor.

CAUTION: Do not attempt to cross *Middle Ground*.

Salem Sound

Once in Salem Sound, the Beverly and Manchester shorelines lie directly north, lined with mansions. Your approach to both Beverly and Salem harbors begins at Fl G 4s "13." From here, follow the lighted markers to the junction of the Salem and Beverly channels near Fl R 4s "16."

Beverly Harbor

From Fl R 4s R "16," head west-northwest to enter Beverly Harbor. The channel is well-marked, beginning at R N "2." While entering, to the south you'll see moored boats from Juniper Point, toward the entrance to the channel into Salem. This is also a good anchorage.

Approaching the Veterans Memorial Fixed Bridge (vertical clearance: 49.3 feet mhw), keep in mind the current, which reaches 5 to 6 knots. To the north, you'll see some facilities, including Beverly Port Marina, which sells gas and diesel and offers slips and repairs. Immediately following is the Amtrak Railroad Bascule Bridge (vertical clearance: 8 feet mhw), which remains open unless in use. Hail the tender on VHF 13 for an opening, if necessary.

Salem Harbor

From Fl G 4s G "16," head southwest into Salem Harbor's well-marked channel. Look for the stacks of the New England Electric Power Plant on the east side of Salem Neck, followed by Hawthorne Cove Marina.

Shallow-draft vessels can anchor in South Salem in 3 to 5 feet of water. The second anchorage in Salem is located at Salem Willows, off Juniper Point, near G C "3." There is also a public dock here you can use to tie up your dinghy. The third anchorage is a small one, between Q G 20ft "23" and G

C "25." You'll find at least 10 to 16 feet of water, though the bottom might be hard.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

Coast Guard: All stations monitor VHF 16

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

Radio Telephone:



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Navigation and Anchorages

From Salem Sound

Coming from Beverly, it's easiest to head around the north side of **Middle Ground**. Keep G C "7" near **Haste Rock** to your west, and head south down **Marblehead Channel**. Keep Fl G 4s G "3" to your west and bear 230°m to reach G C "1MH" on the southern side of the harbor's entrance.

From Salem, run the **South Channel**, especially if the wind is strong in Salem Sound. Just keep in mind that this channel is narrow and rimmed with rocks. Keep R W Bn marking **Kettlebottom Rock** to your south, and turn due south, swinging well east of Sellman Berth. From here, it's an easy sail into Marblehead.

From the east

There are hundreds of shipwrecks—one piled on top of the next—in the area 3nm south and southeast of Bakers Island (near the Breakers and Newcomb Ledge). Don't be the next to misjudge this ground. Instead, head north of Bakers Island to Salem Channel and down Eagle Island Channel toward Marblehead Harbor.

From the south

When heading up Marblehead Channel east of Marblehead Neck, keep well off the shore unless you want to grab a lobster pot with your prop or rudder.

Navigate between Marblehead Rock and Fl (2+1) R 6s RG BELL. Turn northwest, pick up G C "1" and G C "1MH," and proceed into the harbor.

Marblehead Harbor

Once in Marblehead Harbor, you'll have to thread your way among 2,300 yachts (mostly sailboats) bobbing at their moorings. Stop by the harbormaster's office, which also serves as the visitor's center, for mooring and sightseeing information. The town maintains six moorings at the harbor's mouth. These are available for stays up to two weeks for free and can handle 150-foot boats. Call 781-631-2386 for a reservation.

Almost nobody anchors in Marblehead, as the waters are usually too crowded. The harbormaster would also prefer that you not anchor near the harbor's mouth—that's why the moorings were established.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

Coast Guard: All stations monitor VHF 16

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

Radio Telephone:



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Marine Communications System 888-MARITEL (888-627-4835)

Tow Service:

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More than 200 years ago, an adventurer named James Freeman Clark wrote:

Every sunrise in New England is more full of wonder than the Pyramids, every sunset more magnificent than the Transfiguration. Why go to see the Bay of Naples when we have not yet seen Boston Harbor?

But for much of the last 100 years, no one has wanted to see, or smell, Boston Harbor. It seems the tide wasn't the only thing flushing into the harbor. By the time the beaches

turned brown, politicians and taxpayers alike had had enough. Thus began MASSPORT's Boston Harbor Cleanup, a two-decade-long, \$6-billion effort to bring the harbor back from the dead. Now the waters are visibly cleaner, parks are sprouting all along the waterfront, and nature is returning. Once again, seals call the harbor home and bottlenose porpoises spout, arch and dive after rebounding schools of fish.

What To See and Do

If you can't find a place for your boat right in the city, look for a mooring, slip or an anchorage in one of the surrounding



Looking west across East Boston Piers Park to downtown Boston. *Courtesy of Massport*

towns and take the water taxi or "T" train into the city. But don't expect to "see" the city as a weekend visitor—you could spend weeks here and still not experience half the town.

At the Charlestown Navy Shipyard (617-242-5601), you'll see the U.S.S. *Constitution* (617-426-1812), the oldest commissioned warship in the country. The Bunker Hill Pavilion

(617-241-7575), also in the Shipyard, has a 30-minute show recreating the bloody Battle of Bunker Hill. From there, stroll to the Bunker Hill Monument and Museum (617-242-5641) and climb 294 steps to the top to view the city and harbor.

Take the water shuttle to the downtown waterfront and head for the New England Aquarium (617-973-5200), always

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Exercise your wallet with some shopping at Faneuil Hall/Quincy Market.
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a family favorite, as is nearby Faneuil Hall/Quincy Market (617-523-2980). Clipper ships and fishing boats docked here before the harbor was filled in, but today it's a shopper's haven and artists' exhibition. Just west is Boston Common, which was originally a cow pasture and is now a public park. Sit a spell and enjoy it.

The city's signature is the John Hancock Tower Observatory, Boston's tallest skyscraper. Catch your wind at the Prudential's Skywalk, the next one over. Across the street is Trinity Church, an architectural wonder. The church, the "Pru," and all of Back Bay's beautiful brownstones are built on fill. To keep the 11-million-pound bell tower from sinking into the mud, the church sits atop 4,500 wooden pilings that are kept flooded with water so that they don't rot.

Restaurants and Provisions

Each little corner of Boston has its own distinct flavor, so we'll just suggest a few spots along the waterfront, and one or two stand-outs. Cornucopia (617-367-0300) spills out onto the patio at Columbus Park, and Jimmy's Harborside (617-423-1000) tends toward traditional New England seafood dinners. Anthony's Pier 4 (617-423-6363) is one of Boston's can't-miss spots. Join the informal crowd at the Barking Crab (617-426-CRAB), clinging to pilings next to the rattling Northern Avenue Bridge, or the No Name (617-338-7539), at the city Fish Pier.

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To stock your own larder, try Christie's Market, near the Aquarium. Golden Goose (617-367-3198), two blocks inland from Lewis Wharf, sells gourmet supplies. Or head for the open-air Haymarket for baked goods in the North End.

Navigation and Anchorages

President Roads

Your only entrance into Boston Harbor is through **President Roads**. It's obvious, but stay clear of big commercial traffic around here. Pick up the channel into the harbor between Fl G 4s G "1" and Fl R 4s R "2."

Inner Harbor

In Boston's Inner Harbor, small powerboats cross the bows of 15,000-ton tankers, creating wakes that cause sailboats to bob like corks in a tub. Tugs maneuver barges in the wide channels as Navy ships come in and out. This harbor offers access to one of the finest cities on the East Coast, but it can be treacherous.

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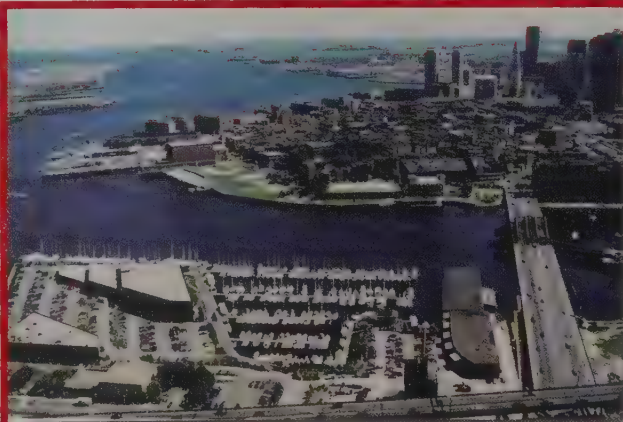
Continuing northwest, you'll see the stunning Rowes Wharf complex a few hundred yards off your starboard bow. You'll see a few piers marking more marinas, all offering downtown at your doorstep. Three 270-foot helicopter-carrying cutters docked at the Coast Guard Station in North Boston loom ahead to the west.

Charles River

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under the Charlestown Bridge, which has a fixed vertical clearance of 23 feet at mhw. Next upstream comes the Charles River Dam and Locks. To enter the system of 3 parallel locks, call (617-727-0488) or VHF 16, or signal two long

and two short blasts on your horn. The dam is marked with traffic lights; you may proceed to the next stage only when the light ahead has turned green. Pipes and other structures hanging from the Route 93 Bridge give 48 feet of clearance.

The Amtrak railroad drawbridge, with only 4 feet vertical clearance, is generally open to river traffic except when a train is coming. The bridge is closed from 6:45 to 9:30 a.m. and from 4:15 to 6:30 p.m. The Craig Draw Bridge/Monsignor O'Brien Highway, known together as the Upper Charles River Dam Bridge, is the last of the low hurdles with 12 feet of vertical clearance. The bridge is closed from 6:45 to 9:30 a.m. and then again from 3:15 to 6:30 p.m.

Upstream of the bridge you will motor through the old lock, now permanently open, and when you emerge from the concrete cut, you'll be in the clear of the Charles River Basin. Plan your trip up the Charles River around both bridge schedules. The speed limit throughout the Charles River is 10 mph/no wake, and use of town docks and landings is limited to 20 minutes. Constitution Marina and Shipyard Quarters both offer slips and repairs. Farther north, the Mystic River branches to the east at the Tobin Bridge (vertical clearance: 135 feet), after which you'll find the Marina at Admiral's Hill along the small Island End River.

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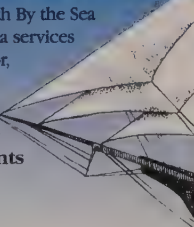
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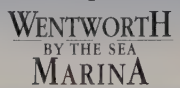
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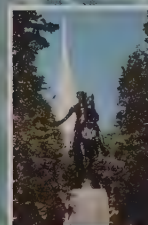


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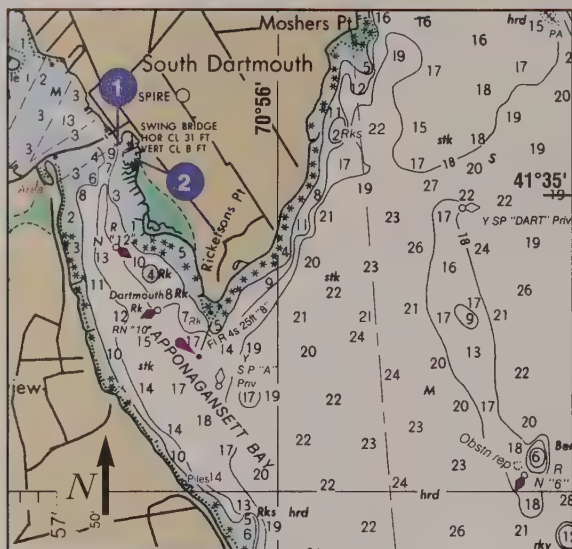
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When you scour the navigational charts looking for a small village called Padanaram, said to be southwest of New Bedford, you won't find it, but it's there. It is known as South Dartmouth.

Walk its shady streets, voluptuous with flowers, and you'll pass houses and churches that were built when whaling, shipbuilding and salt making brought wealth to the town. Though the industry has passed on, the wealth has stayed. You will see it in the bright work of the famous Concordia yawls resting at their moorings, and the stately houses keeping watch over the harbor. Padanaram has remained a peaceful place, perhaps because it is off the charts.

What To See and Do

If, as bumper stickers say, you'd rather be boating, then you're only a launch away from exploring Little Island, northwest of the village, and the marshes nearby.

Have the kids with you? Then head west, young'uns, to the Children's Museum (508-993-3361) on Gulf Road. Here you'll find a collection of live and stuffed critters, as well as tons of LEGOs, a padded romper room, paints, and almost-life-size pirate ship. If that isn't cool enough for you, then check out the ostrich farm (508-992-6188).

Restaurants and Provisions

Padanaram and Apponagansett Bay may be long names, but it's not a long walk to dinner. Overlooking the water is Worden's (508-999-4505) and The Riverhouse Grille (508-999-6975), serving native dishes. Nearby, the Tattoo Turtle Cafe (508-993-5000) is an inviting deli that serves up hot and cold sandwiches, homemade soups, and great desserts.

Don't pass over the Bridge Street Cafe (508-994-7200), with pastas and grilled, local seafood, or Village Kitchen (508-992-0898) for breakfast or a casual meal.

The Village Market Place (508-994-5571) will have all the provisions you need. The Packet/Post Office (508-994-0759), also on Elm, is the place to pick up or ship off nautical wear and provisions.

Navigation and Anchorages

From the east

Arriving from the east is uncomplicated. Simply head west-southwest toward Ricketsons Point at the mouth of Apponagansett Bay. South of Clarks Cove, be aware of the shallow area extending north-to-south from Y SP "DART" to R N "6" at Bents Ledge. You shouldn't run into any trouble here as there is still at least 9 feet at mlw.

From the south

When rounding **Round Hill Point**, be aware of many rocks scattered about—all of which are marked by flashing buoys. Unless you want to keep the entire mess to your north, head between the G C GONG "5" south of **Dumpling Rocks** and Fl R 4s BELL R "4." Leave a good distance between you and Dumpling Rocks, marked by the Fl G 6s 52ft 8M "7" light.

As you continue north, the houses on Nonquit Neck will be to your west, as will many shallows and outcroppings like

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Classic Concordias and commuters at the docks in Padanaram. © James T. Abts

White Rock. Keep this well to your west. To be safe, head for Fl(2+1) R 6s GONG R G "AB." From here, head about 331°m to Fl R 4s 25ft "8" at the western end of the Apponagansett Bay breakwater.

Clarks Cove

Clarks Cove offers little protection from the prevailing southwesterlies during the summer. It is rarely used as an anchorage, and then only briefly. The holding ground here is muddy.

Apponagansett Bay

You'll find plenty of water in the channel up to the New Bedford Yacht Club, but be on the lookout for **Dartmouth Rock**, on the eastern side of the bay. Although the cove to the northeast of the breakwater is quiet, and the water is clean enough for swimming, do not anchor here if a southerly gale is about to start blowing. A better anchorage is on the west side of the harbor.

The current out of the Apponagansett River at the gut between Padanaram and Bayview—where the Gulf Road Swing Bridge is—can reach up to 7 knots. The bridge opens

on the hour and every half-hour between sunrise and sunset. Signal the bridge tender with 3 blasts from your horn.

You may see large boats drawing up to 7 feet anchored on the north side of the swing bridge; you may also look on your chart and see that there is supposed to be only 4 feet at mlw. A dredged but uncharted channel extends from the bridge to Little Island. Unless you feel lucky, stay on the south side of the bay. There are more than 850 moorings in Padanaram, and in the summer most (if not all) are taken.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

Coast Guard: All stations monitor VHF 16

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In Woods Hole, folks had to deal with a different kind of animal—slippery and slimy eels. Baby eels, or elvers, came in

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the spring and left in the fall as fat three-footers. For quite some time, neither the marine biologists nor the fishermen could find eels carrying eggs or sperm, though there were eels in the pond year-round. Finally, in the 1920s, the mystery was solved when a Danish ichthyologist found that eels bred on the edge of the Sargasso Sea, in the Gulf Stream, before making their way to Woods Hole.

What To See and Do

Falmouth is a boater's delight—nearly every amenity and attraction is within a short walk from the marinas. A stroll down Scranton Avenue, along Falmouth Inner Harbor, will bring you all the action. One of the favorite pastimes in this seaside town is hitting Falmouth, Menauhant or Old Silver public beaches. For all beach information, call 508-548-8623.

If you didn't bring your own, windsurfers can be rented at Cape Sailboards (508-540-8800) on Main Street. You'll find bikes at Holiday Cycles (508-540-3549), near the harbor at Chapel Street and Grand Avenue. Bikers intent on a spectacular ride should spin their wheels along the Shining Sea Trail, winding nearly four miles along the coastline.

What's nice about visiting Woods Hole—assuming you can find a place to leave your boat—is that everything can be reached on foot, especially from Eel Pond. If you would like to get a taste of the scientific sea life, take a 90-minute educational cruise with Ocean Quest (800-37-OCEAN), departing from the main wharf.

At the end of Water Street is the popular (200,000 visitors a year!) Woods Hole Aquarium (508-548-7684), part of the National Marine Fisheries Service facility. There is nothing fancy about this place, but the kids love it because they're allowed to get their hands wet behind the scenes.

Restaurants and Provisions

Falmouth becomes full of visitors each summer, so there's never a shortage of restaurants. Up Scranton Avenue, toward town, is the dressy Regatta (508-548-5400), serving a French-American menu. Moorings are available for patrons, but call ahead. Next door is The Flying Bridge (508-548-2700)—a fine place for light fare.

Just up the street, you'll find the Windfall Market for groceries, a laundromat, and a bank. Main Street offers a host of options, but for seafood with a twist, stop into the Quarterdeck (508-548-9900).

In Woods Hole, seafood, steaks, poultry, and vegetarian dishes are found at the Fishmonger's Cafe (508-548-9148) on Water Street. The Captain Kidd Tavern (508-548-9206) specializes in seafood and steak, and a great bar. Down the adjacent alley you'll find Shuckers Restaurant (508-540-3850) with indoor and outdoor seating—on the pond.

The Landfall Restaurant (508-548-1758), near the ferry terminal, and Leaside Bar & Grille (508-548-9744) are good choices. Just up the hill, the Dessert Cafe and Bake Shop can charge your personal batteries with coffee and a hot muffin.

Navigation and Anchorages—Woods Hole From the northwest

From Buzzards Bay, head east through Woods Hole Passage. At R N "4" and G C "3" the passage splits. If you're headed to Eel Pond, continue along The Straight, to the north; for Vineyard Sound, take Broadway channel to the south.

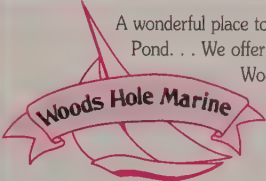
CAUTION: *Be careful around G C "3," where the Broadway Channel meets The Strait. You may end up aground on Middle Ledge if you underestimate the currents here.*

From the east

Approaching from Nantucket Sound, use the channel nearest Nobska Point marked by the Fl 6s 87ft 12M HORN light. The lighthouse is a prominent navigational aid. The beacon has a red sector indicating an undesirable area of Nantucket Sound (including L'Hommedieu, Eldridge and Horseshoe shoals, and Hedge Fence). Either head directly west, keeping Great Ledge QG "1" to your south, or sail in deeper water and keep south of the area. In that case, head for Fl R 4sec BELL R "2."

Little Harbor

Little Harbor is home to the Woods Hole Coast Guard Station. Anchoring isn't allowed in the harbor, and the moorings you see are privately owned.



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From the south

From Vineyard Sound, use the southern entrance beginning between GONG G "1" off Nonamesset Shoal and Fl R 4sec BELL "2" about 0.2nm south-southwest of Great Ledge. From here, line up the ranges and head straight for Great Harbor. In either case, you will pass close to Fl G 4s "5" marking the center of the channel and the turning point for the Broadway Channel to Buzzards Bay.

Woods Hole Passage

Woods Hole Passage is riddled with rocks, shoals, islands and treacherous tidal currents. NOAA rates the maximum current speed at 3.6 knots, but at peak ebb it is not uncommon to see 6 knots. At maximum flood or ebb, buoys are sometimes towed under and water bounces upward off hidden ledges. Time your passage carefully. If your vessel draws 8 feet or more, you should only attempt this passage at slack tide, even though the channel's controlling depth is 11 to 13 feet mlw. Finally, the best NOAA chart itself (13235) can cause confusion, simply because it's at 1:5,000 scale. If you're accustomed to looking at 1:20,000 charts, you may think there's more room between those buoys than there really is.

NOTE: Since Woods Hole is a passage rather than an entry channel, Buzzards Bay has been chosen as the "harbor

end" of the passage; red buoys are to be kept to starboard when heading toward Buzzards Bay. Red buoys should be left to port when heading toward Vineyard Sound.

Eel Pond

From Great Harbor, enter Eel Pond by crossing under the Water Street Bascule Bridge, which has a 5-foot vertical clearance when closed. For scheduled openings, contact the bridge tender on VHF 13 (or use four short horn blasts). The standard operating procedures are as follows:

The channel under the bridge is relatively narrow—about 30 feet wide—but has plenty of water. Incoming traffic has the right of way. There are traffic lights located at each end: wait for your green light before proceeding. Inside Eel Pond, you'll see Woods Hole Marine immediately to port.

Navigation and Anchorages—Falmouth From the west

From Woods Hole or the west, head for either Fl R 6s BELL "16," half a mile south of the breakwater, or head straight for Fl G 2.5s 29ft 8M "1," marking the breakwater.

From the south

Coming from the south, as from Vineyard Haven, you'll have clear sailing right up to Fl R 6s BELL "16." Keep in mind that the strong tidal currents and winds in Vineyard Sound can set you off course very easily.

Falmouth Inner Harbor

Approaching Falmouth Inner Harbor, you'll see the sandy bluffs of Falmouth Heights to the east. The western jetty is marked with a green daymark and Fl G 2.5s 29ft 8M "1." A No-Wake Zone begins at the harbor entrance.

The harbor passage is narrow and often crowded. While there are no markers to guide you through the harbor, you can tell where the channel (8 feet mlw) is by looking at the mooring buoys and boats on either side. Many of the marinas, including East Marine and MacDougalls', have slips, cater to transients, and can handle any type of repair work.

Dropping anchor about 300 yards offshore, across from the public beaches is fine as long as you don't linger overnight. The white pins you see offshore are swimming markers. The holding ground is soft, but will hold a Danforth or plow anchor and chain in heavy weather.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

Coast Guard: All stations monitor VHF 16

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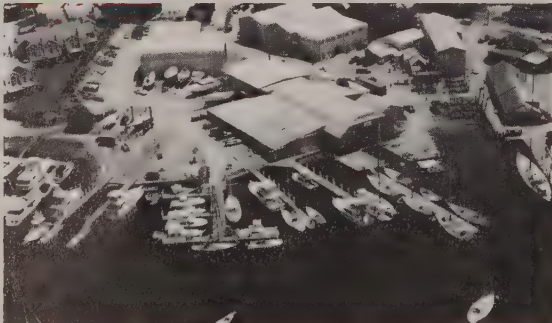
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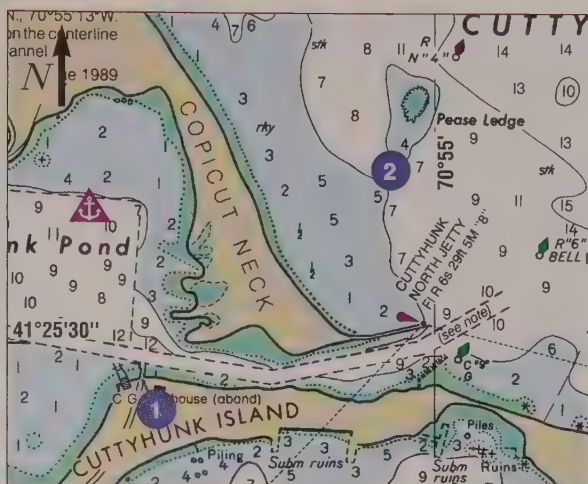
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What To See and Do

Water sports and walking are the main recreations in Cuttyhunk. Stroll along the roads, breathe salt air, and meet some genuine people.

Restaurants and Provisions

Hit up the Small Fry for some casual eats, or head for the Peg Leg Cafe at the Frog Pond. Seth's Raw Bar, next to the ice cream stand on the fishing dock, offers chowder and island-farmed shellfish. To reprovision, try the Corner Store at Four Corners, or the Cuttyhunk Store straight up the hill.

Navigation and Anchorages

From Buzzards Bay

Head toward W Mo(A) BELL R "CH" northeast of Cuttyhunk Harbor. From here, cut between R N "2E" and G C "1E," then it's a straight shot into Cuttyhunk Harbor.

From the south

You'll need to swing north of the island to enter the harbor. Your options: travel west around Cuttyhunk Island, take Canapitsit Channel, or use Quicks Hole passage.

When rounding Cuttyhunk to the west, keep Fl R 4s BELL R "32" well to your east to avoid Sow and Pigs Reef, which extends 1.5nm southwest of Cuttyhunk.

Canapitsit Channel is narrow and rock-riddled with strong and fluky currents. Once through, however, you are in the heart of Cuttyhunk Harbor, just east of the entrance to Cuttyhunk Pond.

To the east, Quicks Hole splits Nashawena and Pasque islands. Heed the buoys when passing through the channel and avoid Lone Rock, marked by Fl(2+1) G 6s GR, on the north side of the passage. From there, head southwest to Mo(A) BELL R W "CH" and the entrance Cuttyhunk Harbor.

From the west

From Narragansett Bay, head for Fl R 4s BELL R "6" northwest of Penikese Island. Keep the island to your south and pick up Mo(A) BELL RW "CH," just northeast of the harbor.

Cuttyhunk Pond

Head for BELL R "6" northeast of the channel entrance. The dredged channel opens between G C "9" and Fl R 6s 29ft 5M "8" on the north jetty. It's 9 feet deep but only 75 feet wide—don't slip out or you'll run aground.

Once inside the pond, follow the white buoys marking the square, main basin. The town moorings are in the northern section, where there may be room for anchoring.

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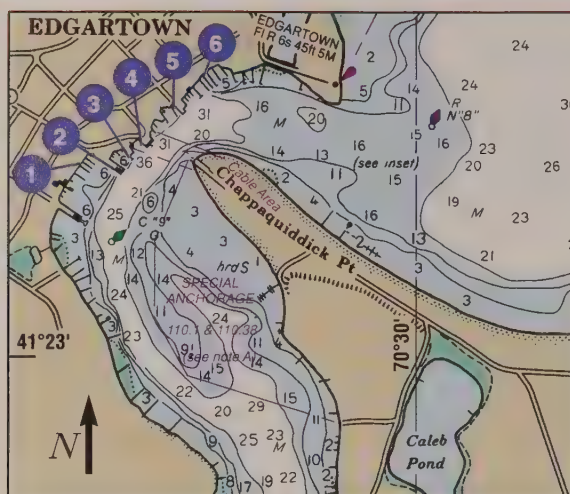
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Edgartown is an old-time village whose narrow, leafy streets are fringed with gracious homes named after their original, seafaring owners. On South Water Street, check out the Pagoda Tree; brought over from China in a flowerpot about 200 years ago, it has grown majestically tall and proud. The tree is adorned with a plaque detailing its history, and it made a cameo appearance in *Jaws*.

In summer, Edgartown Harbor is a breathtaking panorama of sleek and expensive yachts from places with melodious names like Touisset and Essex. The village has that proper, tidy look about it, as if it were always being filmed—or at least expecting company. For that matter, the place is never short on visitors.

What To See and Do

Sailing is the passion here. In mid-July the Edgartown Yacht Club sponsors the week-long race named quite definitively "The Regatta." The ocean sailing competition draws more than 100 boats ranging from 19 to 60 feet.

For those not up to such a challenge, the village is ringed with beaches. Lighthouse Beach and State Beach have gentle surf. Wave-cravers love South Beach (also known as Katama), a favorite nesting ground for piping plovers. The South Beach Trolley shuttles sun-seekers between here and Edgartown, while yellow shuttle buses offer full-island transportation.

On Chappaquiddick Island is the Cape Pogue Wildlife Refuge, a fine place for an invigorating, scenic hike. The On-Time ferry (so named because it has no schedule, thus can never be late) crosses the small passage, carrying people, cars and bicycles for a small fee.

Restaurants and Provisions

The Edgartown Inn proclaims "Best Breakfast on the Island," but Daggett House (508-627-4600) is a serious contender for the crown of "Toastmaster," if you will. Watch closely while you dine: there's a secret doorway camouflaged within the wall of the 17th-century tavern room.

Overlooking Edgartown Harbor, the Navigator (508-627-4320) features New England favorites from mid-morning until midnight. French fries arrive at your table in a paper bag when you dine at The Newes from America (508-627-7900), a friendly pub located in Kelley House. Or treat your taste buds to bright, delightful Savoir Fare (508-627-9864) on Church Street. Farther out of town, on Upper Main Street, is the Beettender Restaurant (508-627-8344), serving charcoal-broiled steaks.

Need to re-energize after an afternoon of shopping or swimming? Pick up a pound or two at Murdick's Fudge (508-627-8047), or just watch it being made. Mrs. Miller's Muffins

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(508-627-9608) sells what the name implies, as does Mad Martha's Ice Cream (508-627-8761).

There is trolley service between Mayhew Lane in downtown Edgartown and The Triangle (on Vineyard Haven Road), within walking distance of the A&P (508-627-9522) on Upper Main Street. Triangle Pharmacy (508-627-5107) is a full-service drugstore, fittingly located at The Triangle.

Navigation and Anchorages

From the north

Line up with Fl R 4s GONG R "22" off the eastern point of Hedge Fence and head due south. Edgartown's outer harbor is easy to sail into, with all possible hazards well-marked. Catch the channel to the inner harbor as you round R N "8" hard to starboard. Since Chappaquiddick Point is prone to shoaling, favor the Edgartown shore after you pass the light, Fl R 6s 45ft 5M, to starboard. The Harborside Inn, at the heart of downtown, offers slips to transients.

From the east

Coming from Nantucket, use Main Channel to avoid dangerous shoals. The channel runs between Horseshoe Shoal, whose southern edge is marked by the Fl R 4s R "20," and Cross Rip Shoal, marked by Fl G 2.5s GONG G "21."

Katama Bay

To get away from the congested inner harbor, head to Katama Bay. The channel to Katama Bay is privately marked until Snows Point, while the bay itself is mostly unmarked. There is a designated anchorage area in the northern area, with buoys marking the southern limits. Most of the bay is off limits to anchoring. The southern half is patched with islets of marsh grass. If you're unfamiliar with the bay, stay in its northern half, keeping at least 200 yards from shore. If your boat draws more than 2 feet, keep to the inner harbor.

Cape Pogue Bay

On the northeast corner of Chappaquiddick Island is Cape Pogue Bay, managed by the Cape Pogue Wildlife Refuge. The entrance begins at G C "7" on the southeast corner of Edgartown Harbor. There is no marked channel and the

water shallows quickly in places. There's good water in this bay, and you are welcome to explore it by dinghy.

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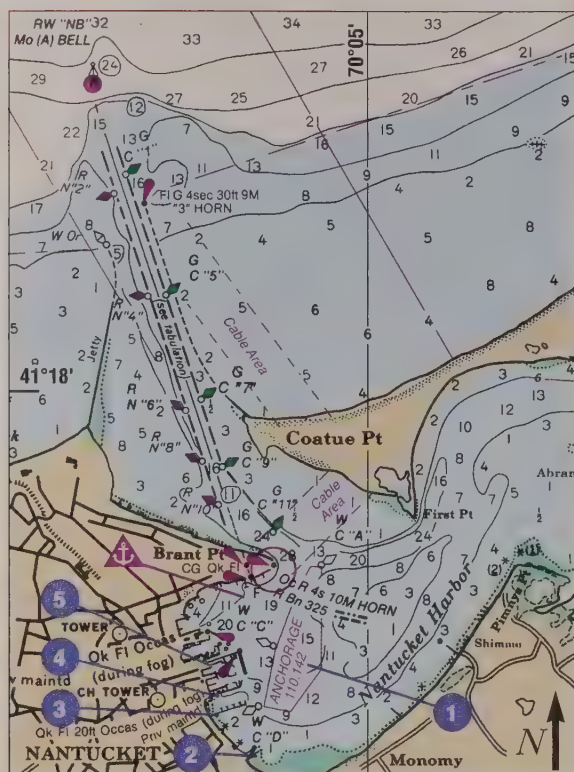
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NANTUCKET



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A wedge of land shaped like the fin of a diving whale, Nantucket lies 22 miles south of Cape Cod, weathered by the sea. For years the island bore men who spent their lives in search of the great sperm whale. It's no wonder, as Melville wrote in *Moby Dick*, "that these Nantucketers, born on a beach, should take to the sea for a livelihood."

They first caught crabs and Quabogs in the sand; grown bolder, they waded out with nets for mackerel; more experienced, they pushed off in boats and captured cod; and at last, launching a navy of great ships on the sea... these naked Nantucketers, these sea hermits, issuing from their ant-hill in the sea, overran and conquered the watery world like so many Alexanders, parceling out among them the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian oceans.

Today, Nantucket has claimed a new dominion in a sense: the island is one of the crown jewels of the boating community. During the summer, the harbor buzzes with activity as it did during the heady days of sail and whaling. But at least one thing has changed since Melville's proclamation: there are no naked hermits here.

What To See and Do

Despite the surprising number of cars, many people use bikes or mopeds. For rentals, try Cook's Cycle (508-228-0800) and Holiday Cycle (508-228-3644), among others—all are within walking distance of the central wharf.

Nantucket, as you might expect, has many historical sights. If you'd like to plan ahead, contact the Chamber of Commerce (508-228-1700) for a copy of their island guide.

Originally a factory for refining whale oil, the Whaling Museum (508-228-1655) exhibits all the tools of the trade, as well as a full-sized whale skeleton, a whaleboat, and an unparalleled collection of scrimshaw. The Historical Society (508-228-1894) can point you in the direction of some of the historically significant sites like the Old Gaol (or jail).

The Maria Mitchell Science Center (508-228-9198), named for the first woman elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, contains an extensive exhibit of the island's flora and fauna. The Center also coordinates ecology walks and conducts astronomy programs for children and adults. The Science Center's Aquarium displays local fish and marine life.

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Dream-like islands of the Atlantic. Far left to right: Muskeget, Tuckernuck and Nantucket. ©Alex S. MacLean/Landslides

Swimming and surfing are, of course, favorite activities for many, and most of the beaches are pleasant for both—particularly Surfside and Nobadeer beaches. Cisco Beach is narrow, hence less popular and less crowded. Take the kids to Children's Beach, near Steamboat Wharf, for shallow and protected water, or venture out to Jetties Beach for playgrounds, public tennis courts, and usually slight surf.

Restaurants and Provisions

Nantucket is one of those towns where your hardest task will be deciding where to dine. Here are some favorites:

Right on Straight Wharf, Cap'n Tobey's Chowder House (508-228-0836) serves all your favorite seafood. The Hearth Dining Room (508-228-1500) at The Harbor House, located on South Beach Street, boasts very fresh New England cuisine. Nearby, on Eaton Street, The White Elephant's Regatta Dining Room (508-228-2500) is the place to enjoy a truly American gourmet dining experience. On Broad Street you'll find one of the island's landmarks, the Jared Coffin House (508-228-2400). De Marco Restaurant (508-228-1836) on India Street is a good place for northern Italian cuisine.

As for reprovisioning your boat, Nantucket is one of the most convenient places to stock up on supplies.

Navigation and Anchorages

From the west

Coming from the west, you'll have to pass along the Cross Rip Channel (a.k.a. the Nantucket Main Channel), lying

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between Cross Rip and Horseshoe shoals. The water in and out of the channel is plenty deep for most cruising vessels.

At the eastern end of the Cross Rip Channel, marked by Fl G 6s GONG G "17," head south to Mo(A) BELL RW "NB" at the entrance to the Nantucket Harbor channel. Be sure to keep Fl G 4s BELL G "1" at the eastern end of **Tuckernuck Shoal** to your west.

From the south or east

Look for the 648-foot LORAN tower on the island's south-eastern shore. Farther up the east shore, you'll see the Fl 7.5s 158ft 24M Sankaty Head Light, a white tower with a red band around it.

As you round Great Point, you'll see the Fl 5s 71ft 12M light. Depths shallow drastically northeast of the point—an area called **Point Rip**. The well-marked Great Round Shoal Channel will take you between Point Rip and the Great Round Shoal. The currents run through here at about 1.5 knots, and with opposing winds the waves stack up. If the weather is rough, your trip is going to be uncomfortable. Once through the channel, cut south into Nantucket Sound and the harbor entrance. The Sound, in the giant bight that is the north coast of the island, offers beautiful water for sailing and boating. Prevailing winds out of the southwest are mild and usually pick up early in the afternoon.



Shopping is a Nantucket pastime. © Embassy

Esthe, Muskeget and Tuckernuck islands

Located outside the harbor to the west, these islands are privately owned and inhabited during the summer. The waters around the islands are tricky and should be explored only in a small boat. The same holds true for Madaket Harbor, where some smaller boats choose to go ashore.

Nantucket Sound

Nantucket Sound can be very unpleasant under easterly winds and a westerly current. Ocean swells not entirely broken up by Monomoy Shoals can build in size under these conditions, creating 6- to 8-foot waves outside Nantucket Harbor.

Nantucket Harbor Entrance

The entrance to Nantucket Harbor begins at RW Mo(A) BELL "NB." From here, the channel runs 1.5nm south to Brant Point. As you approach the harbor, you'll see partially submerged breakwaters on either side. To approach, you should line up the two range towers on Brant Point dead ahead. The one in front flashes at night, while the back tower remains constant. Don't vary from the channel or you run the risk of hitting a shallow spot.

Nantucket Harbor

Nantucket Harbor gets crowded in summer, especially on weekends and holidays. The main anchorage area begins as you round Brant Point and is marked. Search around for a place to drop your anchor, or head for a mooring.

The designated anchorage area is just to the east of the mooring field. There is plenty of good water, even for larger cruisers. If you'd rather pick up a mooring, call Nantucket Moorings on VHF 68.

If you're anchored, the Town Pier has a dinghy dock, bathrooms, showers, and pumpout facility. Pumpouts are encouraged before you come and mandatory before long stays. Island Marine sells gas and diesel and handles all repairs.

If you'd like to escape the crowds and venture out toward the Head of the Harbor, follow the channel running parallel to Coatue. The water along here is shallow in spots, so it's best to head this way on a rising tide. Remember to keep the numbered spits well to port as you make your way up, and don't try to enter Polpis Harbor except in a shallow-draft boat. A No-Wake rule is enforced throughout Nantucket Harbor.

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Summer sunsets only enhance Newport's glow. © Benjamin Mendlowitz

Newport is wedged into Rhode Island like the centerpiece of a fine jewelry setting. What many seem to forget is that it's also surrounded by smaller gems, scenic ports along 400 miles of coastline that offer everything from quiet rivers of the Sakonnet to the active city of Providence; from the sandy beaches of western Rhode Island to the Bermuda of the north, Block Island.

Newport is easily accessible directly from the Atlantic. Unlike Massachusetts, where you experience a sort of sailing serendipity by stumbling upon less-known ports en route, it's easy to overlook the rest of "Little Rhody." So don't. Explore Narragansett Bay, your host to most of Rhode Island's sites. Extending 28 miles inland and covering 10 percent of the state's area, Narragansett Bay is actually more an estuary than a bay, characterized by an influx of fresh water from several rivers and streams. Therefore, as you weave your way north through the 36 islands scattered about, the waters become brackish, fed mainly by the Taunton, Barrington and Providence rivers.

The two largest islands—Conanicut, commonly known as Jamestown, and Rhode Island—split Narragansett Bay into three main channels. The easternmost route is **Sakonnet River**, which is actually not a river at all, but rather a strait beginning at the narrow passage between the north end of Rhode Island and the small section of mainland on the east side of the bay. **East Passage** separates Conanicut from Rhode Island and is the access route to

Newport. **West Passage** is indeed the westernmost passage, cutting between the mainland and the western shore of Conanicut Island. Harbors such as Wickford and Greenwich are stops worth your while, especially if you're coming from the west.

Each of these access routes has a distinctly different flavor, an appeal that sets them apart. The lengthy Sakonnet River is predominately rural, owing to the narrow channel at its head, which made industrialization here impractical. On the other side, East Passage, the central route, is where you're likely to experience the most activity. From here, nearly every nook and cranny of the bay can be reached. The West Passage combines the sparse appeal of the Sakonnet with the more urban tastes of the Newport area on the East Passage, giving you a direct route up the mainland coast to Providence.

Regardless of the access route, cruising conditions in Narragansett Bay vary little. In general, the tidal range is 3 to 4 feet, increasing a bit as you travel north. Bay currents average 1 knot and expectedly increase in narrow passages.

The effects of the bay on the state of Rhode Island are undeniable. The very creation of the colony with its booming fishing and shipbuilding industries originates from the bay. Contrary to the way Rhode Island's borders blend unnoticed into neighboring states, the waters of Narragansett Bay give Rhode Island a most endearing appeal that's difficult to overlook.



Work can wait for another day in Wickford. © David Witbeck

Sakonnet River and Mt. Hope Bay

Many coastal cruisers who frequent Rhode Island and the surrounding area are familiar with Newport—the “Yachting Capital of the World”—and little else. Don’t fall into this trap. Newport’s nickname is in no way unfounded, but it is hardly the only attraction Rhode Island has to offer. The Sakonnet River and points north offer the sea-weary sailor a refreshing change from the long swells of the open Atlantic.

The **Sakonnet River** is roughly 1.5 miles wide and 10 miles long, every mile lined with beautiful, rural scenery. If you’ve come in search of constant activity, you’ve come to the wrong place, but if a peaceful cruise is what you’re after, this is it. You’ll rarely find more than a handful of other visiting boats, and commercial vessels are few and far between.

Traveling from Massachusetts, pick up the G R C at Elisha Ledge, approximately 1nm southeast of Warren Point. Keep G R C well to the north of you to avoid the rocks and ledges that pockmark this section of coastline. From there, point south of BELL R “2” marking Schuyler Ledge, once again avoiding natural hazards that extend from Sakonnet Point. Keep the two privately maintained FI Y 2.5s buoys that mark fish traps to the east when entering Sakonnet River.

Once you are northwest of Sakonnet Point, head for FI R 4s 34ft 8M “2” on the breakwater at Sakonnet Harbor to the east. Here you’ll find the few marinas in a harbor that, in many ways, resembles a Maine fishing village. In fact, if you don’t hug the shore as you approach, you’re likely to end up engulfed by the lobster pots and fish traps sprawled across the area—just like in Maine.

As you travel north, the water remains deep almost up to the shores. The currents run at less than 1 knot, and if you heed the buoys, you shouldn’t have any trouble. At the head of the river near Tiverton, the currents increase significantly, along with your need to navigate precisely. The Stone Bridge Buttresses, two jetties extending from each side of the river,

are the only remains of the Old Stone Bridge, destroyed in the hurricane of 1938. The entrance through these breakwaters to Tiverton Basin is marked by G C “15” and R N “16.” The currents here can reach 5 knots, so stick to the center of the channel.

Once inside the basin, which is actually just a widening of the river, you’ll find that Tiverton marks a change of pace: the rural aspects of the vast Sakonnet begin to fade into commercial marinas and the more urban setting of what lies ahead. Cruising conditions are more or less the same, except in heavy weather when the currents can get tricky. You’ll find marinas with transient facilities on the river’s west shore in Portsmouth.

Farther north, a 12-foot swing bridge and a fixed 65-foot highway bridge connect Tiverton to Portsmouth. Keep to one side or the other when passing through here to avoid southbound boats—the first sign that the busier ports in Mount Hope Bay are near. You’ll see Brewer’s Sakonnet Marina on the west side past the bridges.

From the highway bridge, head north into Mount Hope Bay. You can veer west toward Bristol Harbor, and eventually the East Passage, or follow the channel northeast toward Fall River and the Taunton River. Boaters taking the latter route should enter the channel between G C “1” and R N “2.”

The town of **Fall River**, Mass., is the main attraction in **Mount Hope Bay**. This quintessential mill town on the bay’s eastern shore takes you back to days of old. Fall River is where you’ll find Battleship Cove, home of the battleship *Massachusetts*, an historic ship weighing 35,000 tons. This vessel fought in 33 skirmishes during World War II. Also of interest here are Heritage State Park (508-675-5758) and the Marine Museum (508-674-3533).

Mount Hope is also home to several coves, inlets and estuaries that make the bay fun to explore. There are limited marine facilities available for transients. Up the **Taunton River**, north of Fall River, you’ll find a few more. The river narrows at the Brightman Street Bascule Bridge, which has a vertical clearance of 27 feet at mhw. On the bay’s north shore, take advantage of the Lee and Kickamuit rivers for anchoring options. Keep your chart handy in these areas and watch your depth-sounder—they can shallow pretty quickly.

East Passage: Newport to Providence

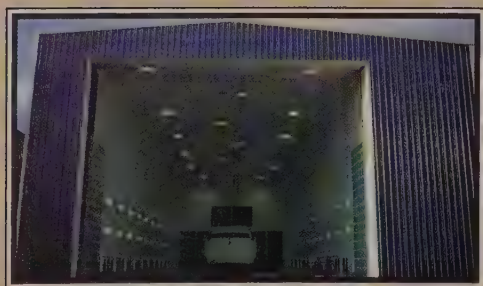
Rhode Island has long been touted as having an illustrious past, evidenced by the colonial architecture that lines many of its streets. Newport is certainly no exception. Along with the stylings of America’s formative years, Newport shows another side. The summer cottages—mansions, really—of America’s nouveau riche sprouted up along the city’s south shore at the turn of the century, leaving an indelible mark of high social status. (Unfortunately, few people can afford to maintain these mansions today, so many are being converted into other uses.)



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The only difficulty you'll have reaching Newport comes in the form of traffic. Generous depths and good protection, coupled with abundant activities, make Newport one of the most popular ports-of-call on the Atlantic seaboard. Be sure you have your mooring or dockage reservations confirmed before you set out Newport-bound.

Navigation into this bustling port is rather simple. Leaving Q R WHISTLE R "2" well to starboard turn north into East Passage. Continue following the markers until you've passed between Fort Adams to the east and Q G BELL G "11" to the west. At this point, you can enter Newport Harbor. (*See the **Newport Harbor Highlight** for more information on this port.*)

On the west side of East Passage, the tiny village of Jamestown on Conanicut Island is a pleasant respite from the non-stop atmosphere across the way in Newport. Somehow Jamestown has retained its small-town appeal. The only viable explanation is that Jamestown Harbor offers relatively little protection in heavy weather. (*Refer to the **Jamestown Harbor Highlight** for more details.*)

Continuing north in East Passage, you'll pass several areas that offer no facilities—some are still worth a visit, others are off-limits. South of the Newport Bridge (fixed vertical clearance of 194 feet), **Rose Island** is difficult to approach in anything but a dinghy. The scuba diving is renowned, and hiking is always an option, as long as you respect the nesting gulls. For those who want a first-hand experience of what it's like to be a lighthouse keeper, rooms can be rented in the Rose Island Lighthouse. Constructed in 1869, the light was decommissioned in 1971, and has been restored by the Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation (401-847-4242) and turned into a museum.

Also worth a visit is **Potter Cove**, just north of the Newport Bridge on Conanicut (not to be mistaken for the Potter Cove on the northern end of Prudence Island, to the north). This pleasant, secluded inlet is lined with rocks and ledges that invite sunbathers and explorers.

On the east side of the passage is a naval base that occupies Coasters Harbor Island and Coddington Cove. Consequently, both of these areas are off-limits to the public. Also restricted is Gould Island, northwest of Coddington Cove. The island is part of the Bay Islands Park System, a nesting ground for birds that is off-limits from April 1 through August 15. The lack of any facilities or a good anchorage makes it inaccessible for large boats, so it may as well be restricted year-round.

The next point along East Passage is at the center of Narragansett Bay. Prudence Island is the largest part of the Narragansett Bay Estuarine Sanctuary, used to study the proper maintenance of many of our natural resources. For this reason, you are allowed to dock only for loading and unloading, but you can anchor and pull a dinghy up on shore, except where prohibited. If you go ashore, stick to the

roads so as not to disrupt the natural habitat of the sanctuary, and bring your own drinking water. We'll take you up the East Passage, along the east side of Prudence, then down the West Passage. Some boaters may opt to cut over to the West Passage, which is described in detail later.

Across the passage from Prudence Island on Rhode Island is the town of **Melville**, a small section of Portsmouth. Melville is fast becoming a haven for recreational boaters, attracted by the large service facilities like Little Harbor Marine, just south of Coggeshall Point. The entrances to these facilities are straightforward and deep, so you shouldn't have any trouble.

The town of Portsmouth, spanning the width of the island, is viewed by some as the birthplace of American democracy. In the mid-17th century, a group of settlers grew tired of the religious constraints they faced in Plymouth, Mass., and decided to go out on their own. The Portsmouth Compact established the village on the principle of separation of church and state—the same principle that later framed the Constitution.

Located just northeast of Prudence Island, **Bristol** is home to some of the most beautiful colonial architecture on the bay and several marine facilities. Here is where many big contractors build America's Cup boats, including the New York Yacht Club's recent entries. Also of particular interest to boaters is the Herreshoff Marine Museum (401-253-5000), which commemorates the achievements of one of the most famous yacht-building families in the world. Around the late 19th and early 20th century, Herreshoff designs successfully defended the America's Cup eight times. Access into Bristol is simple from either side of Hog Island.

Like a morsel of food about to be clutched by the scavenging "lobster claw" of Bristol Neck, **Hog Island** provides Bristol with protection from the south. It is a pleasant place to visit in a dinghy, as the surrounding waters are rocky and shallow. The cove on the west side of the island is ideal for swimming and shellfishing. Do not be tempted to follow local boaters who cut buoys here and there.

Continuing north toward Warren and Barrington, follow the shipping channel toward Providence. Head northeast at Q R BELL "10" to enter Warren River, which turns into the Barrington River as you head north between the corresponding towns. Don't let this fool you—the rivers may mix together, but the towns are quite different. **Warren** on the east bank is largely commercial, relying heavily on the harbor, while **Barrington**, an affluent suburb of Providence, has remained residential. At the south end of Little Island, which slices the Warren River down the middle, the Barrington River branches off to the west, then swings north. If you choose to pass the red and green junction buoy at the tip of Little Island, you'll be entering the Palmer River.

At the northernmost point of Narragansett Bay sits the capital city of **Providence**, accessible by way of the vast shipping channel that extends from the head of the Providence River to a point between Prudence Island and the town of Melville. The industrial appearance of the river's fringe can be intimidating, but Providence has much to offer—art galleries, museums, colonial architecture, historical celebrations, universities, parks, and a zoo.

Although the river's west bank has several marine facilities and the river's upper reaches are certainly accessible, many boaters choose to dock in well-protected **Bullock Cove**, on the east bank, and take a cab into downtown Providence. Brewer's Cove Haven Marina, with berths, fuel, and all repairs, is found here. To reach Bullock Cove, leave the channel at Fl R 2.5s R "18," and head north to Fl G 2.5s G "1" and R N "2." Watch the depth once past Bullock Point.

West Passage: Greenwich Bay to Jamestown

There was a time when Greenwich Bay was known mostly for its shellfishing industry. But since then, the town of **East Greenwich**, south of Providence, has grown into one of the most affluent Rhode Island towns. Shellfishing has taken a back seat to tourism. The boats of quahogers have been, for the most part, replaced by the exceedingly frequent visits by transient vessels, and the town is in the process of trying to preserve and upgrade its historic

district. Unfortunately, the smaller, less accessible area in Warwick Cove has taken the brunt of the overflow, experiencing mostly commercial and local traffic when it was once considered a haven for transients.

Apponaug Cove sits in the northwest corner of **Greenwich Bay**, where you'll find Brewer's Yacht Yard among the numerous facilities. In **Greenwich Cove**, you can visit Goddard Memorial State Park (401-884-2010). If you're lucky enough to be in the bay in early September, East Greenwich sponsors its annual Summer Festival with free events and reasonably priced food. Brush Neck Cove offers little for transients, although it has good water for boardsailing and fishing.

To enter Greenwich Bay from Providence, follow the shipping channel to Fl G 4s G "13." Head southwest, setting a course for Fl R 4s BELL R "8" off Patience Island. From here, **Warwick Cove** lies just northwest, around Warwick Neck, and is the home to several marinas. If you continue west, the entrance to Greenwich Cove is marked by R N "6" and later G C "7."

Continuing south along the mainland, you'll pass **Allen Harbor**, a good port for protection in heavy weather about 3nm south of Greenwich Bay. **Hope Island**, part of the Bay Islands Park System is off-limits from April through September.

Both Allen Harbor and Hope Island offer a relaxing stopover, but most cruisers opt for the diverse **Wickford**

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Looking southeast over the Breachway at Point Judith. © Embassy

Harbor. Embracing both the industrial age brought about by the 20th century and the old-world charm that has survived through it, Wickford is one of the most popular ports on Narragansett Bay. This village is the proud birthplace of Gilbert Stuart, the artist responsible for George Washington's portrait that adorns the dollar bill.

Aside from a visit to the historic buildings that line the streets, such as St. Paul's Church (401-295-7320)—one of the oldest Episcopal churches in the country—Wickford sponsors events throughout the height of the season. The town beach has a series of Wednesday night concerts, and the Wickford Art Festival is held annually on the second weekend in July.

Coming from the north, the entrance into Wickford is easy; just be sure to keep Fl R 6s R "2" at the south end of Hope Island to the west. This navigational aid marks a sunken tug that likes to claim a few boats each year. Once south of Quonset Point, head southwest into the harbor where you'll find ample depths, good protection and a number of facilities like Brewers Wickford Cove Marina and Wickford Marina.

South of the rumbling traffic on the **Jamestown Bridge**, the area becomes conspicuously peaceful, with very few residential areas along the shore all the way to Boston Neck. It's very much like the Sakonnet River here.

If relaxation is what you're craving, **Dutch Island**, and its namesake harbor to the southeast, are worth a visit. The island was used as a pasture until the early 1900s when fortifications were built. There's little to see there, but you can take a dinghy up on shore to explore the forts or picnic on the grounds. Most of Dutch Harbor's shoreline is a conservation zone established to maintain the island's rural appeal, so it is largely undeveloped. There are several facilities on the harbor's eastern shore that give you easy access to Jamestown.

This is the last harbor in Narragansett Bay, and the last harbor of any significance until you reach Point Judith. If there's

anything remotely resembling foul weather on its way, wait until it blows over before you leave the West Passage and head into the open Atlantic.

Point Judith to Block Island

Point Judith is considered the southwestern border of Narragansett Bay and can be more difficult to round than it seems. Winds out of the southwest can persistently blow toward shore, and the submerged rocks extending more than 1,000 feet from the point are easily overlooked. Point Judith Light, Oc(2+1) 15s 65ft 16M HORN, is a good navigational aid during foul weather. Just to be on the safe side, stay well off the point.

The only stop-over between Narragansett Bay and Fishers Island Sound is the manmade **Point Judith Harbor of Refuge**, enclosed by three stone breakwaters. Marked by two lighted towers, the East Gap (between the middle and eastern breakwater) is the access route of choice if you're coming from the east. Although the swells and high winds of the open Atlantic can be felt along the way, the Harbor of Refuge is well protected—the origin of its name becomes immediately apparent. Be careful of crossing traffic as you pass the breakwaters and make your way to the Breachway.

In the northwest corner of the Harbor of Refuge is the entrance to **Point Judith Pond**, an area that many consider to be a small-boating heaven. This reverent sense is accentuated by the fact that the towns on both side of the pond's entrance are Galilee and Jerusalem. Also, the outside world is difficult to reach while visiting here—and we think that's just fine! The larger islands in the pond are privately owned, but the rest are great for going ashore in a dinghy or shallow-draft boat. Southern View Yacht Center, a new year-round facility, is one of several transient marinas located here.

Although it looks hellish, navigating the pond is easier than it appears. This somewhat narrow passage has seen currents as high as 4 to 5 knots, so it's best to enter with a fair tide. The commercial fishing vessels you'll see in Galilee can also make getting through here tricky. At the head of upper Pond there are a handful of transient-friendly facilities—just be sure to stay in the channel, especially when passing R N "4," which marks some rocks.

To the west, **Watch Hill** and the waters of Little Narragansett Bay can cause some navigational nervousness. An island called Sandy Point, a migrating beach named Napatree, and a reputation as the foggiest spot around may make this haven seem a bit unapproachable. Simply follow the proper course with care and you shouldn't have any problems in this region.

Head for the **Watch Hill Passage** between Fl R 6s BELL R "2" and G C "3." Currents in this area tend to be strong, so proceed with care. If the infamous fog has rolled in, the Watch Hill Lighthouse, Al WR 5s 61ft 14M HORN, is just north of here and provides an excellent landmark. Continue west to Fl R 4s BELL R "6" off Napatree Point before heading

northwest. Head north of Middle Ground, identified by Fl R 4s 46ft 5M HORN "4." From here, a marked channel leads around Sandy Point and into Little Narragansett Bay. Shifting shoals between Napatree Point and the south end of Sandy Point, which used to be connected, prevent direct access from the ocean. On the eastern end of Napatree Beach is **Watch Hill Cove**. There is a fine anchorage just to the cove's northwest, south of Dennison Rock R N "24," and the cove itself is well marked with a full-service facility.

Your last Rhode Island destination on the mainland is the **Pawcatuck River**, which leads up to Westerly. Heading up the Pawcatuck for the first time, the channel may seem narrow, but the ride is fairly easy and pleasant. Keep some film in your camera and enjoy the scenery. Houses line the shores between marshes where you'll see birds fly up in search of their estuarine prey. Be forewarned, the No-Wake Zones on this river are strictly enforced. The entrance to the river at Pawcatuck Point is 2.5nm east of Stonington Point. Westerly is 4.5nm upriver.

Perhaps the best-known cruising ground on the eastern seaboard is the pork chop-shaped jewel known as Block Island. Roughly 10nm southwest of the breakwaters at Point Judith, **Block Island**, which rises dramatically out of the sea, has been called "Bermuda of the North"—and with good reason. Reaching Block Island from any direction is not difficult. From Point Judith, make a beeline southwest for Fl G 4s BELL

G "1BI," then head south before picking up BELL R "2" at the entrance to Great Salt Pond. (*Refer to the **Block Island Harbor Highlight** for more information on this island.*)

As you leave "Little Rhody" behind and visit other coastal states, you'll become more and more aware of the intimacy of Rhode Island cruising. Other states may offer longer coastlines along which to sail, but none pulls you into the state itself quite like Rhode Island's waters.

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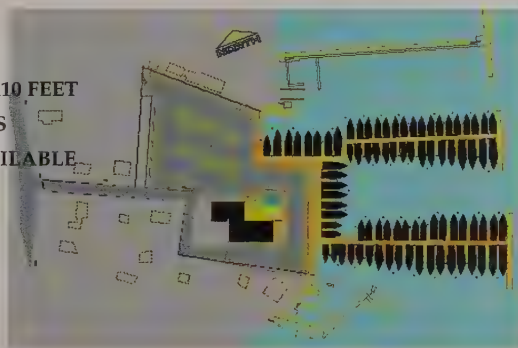
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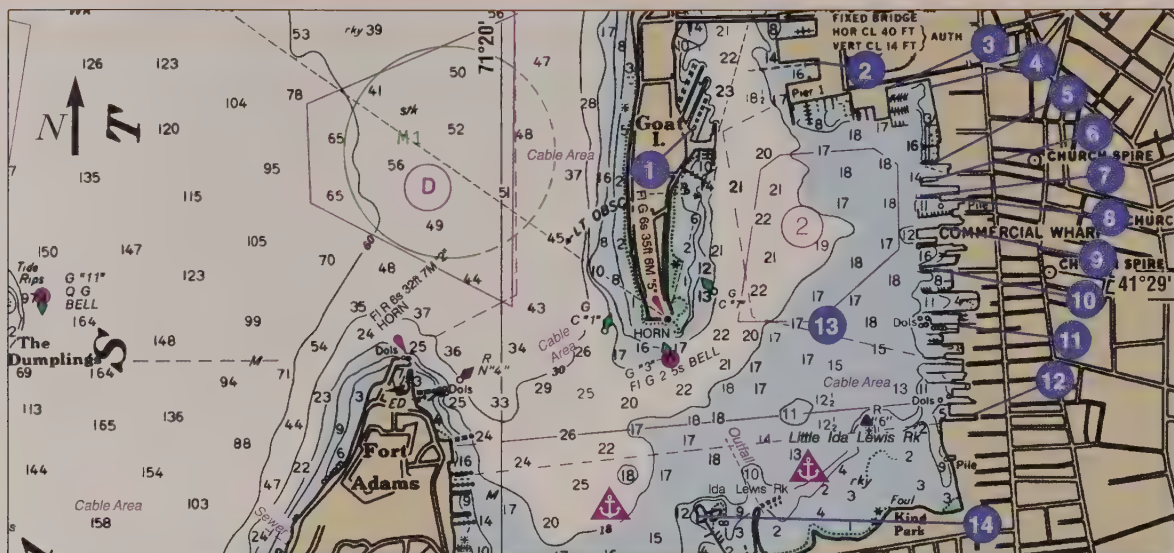


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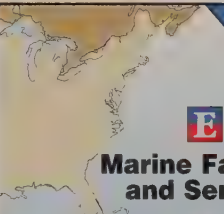
Southern View Yacht Center, located in Point Judith Pond, Rhode Island, has something for everyone. There's immediate access to Block Island Sound for cruising and fishing. The world famous Rhode Island beaches, fine restaurants, golf courses and historic sights await you at beautiful Point Judith Pond.

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Not so long ago, Newport was a true sailor's port. Commercial ships came from all over the world to load and unload cargo, whale ships sailed from the harbor time and again in search of the great leviathan, and the Navy had been stationed in town for most of 200 years.

Newport reached the height of its prosperity as a shipping center during the mid-18th century, and with the trade and the wealth came a wide variety of people, making the town unusually cosmopolitan for that time. As the economy grew, Southerners and Caribbean people began to use Newport as a summer retreat. Around the turn of this century, Newport became the unchallenged playground for the nation's ultra-rich. An entire social fabric formed around elaborate dances, dinners, and picnics.

The wealthy rarely visited Newport's waterfront. As late as the early 1970's, no one but the craziest and toughest of sailors ventured about in that part of town. The few who did often returned with broken bones or missing body parts.

When the Navy finally left Newport in 1973, things took a turn. Commercial businesses overtook the waterfront, and places where polite society never dared tread soon became comfortable middle-class hang-outs. The most remarkable transition occurred at an old sailor's haunt called "Blood Alley."

When Bart Dunbar first suggested that the waterfront near "Blood Alley" could be revitalized, people scoffed. Banks

wouldn't lend him the needed money, and he was forced to turn to private investors. Needless to say, the plan succeeded, and today the area is known as Bannister's Wharf.

Newport has risen from the ashes. Yachters from the world over bring life and sophistication to Newport, a town that continues to bask in its own light, and a haven for all the excesses the rest of us love to dream about.

What To See and Do

Downtown Newport is packed tight: narrow, one way, cobblestone streets jammed with slow-moving pedestrians and traffic. Stop at the Visitor's Information Center (800-326-6030) on America's Cup Avenue for the town's low-down. If you'd like to get the lay of the land by bike, you'll find them for rent at many shops, including Ten Speed Spokes (401-847-5609).

Many mansions on Bellevue Avenue and Ocean Drive are open for tours sponsored by the Preservation Society of Newport County (401-847-1000). For a front lawn (seaside) view of the homes on Bellevue Avenue, venture out on the Cliff Walk, a three-mile path along the rocky coast.

Visit the Museum of Yachting (401-847-1018) for a look at Newport's nautical history. The International Yacht Restoration School (401-849-3060) maintains Sir Thomas Lipton's *Shamrock V*, a J-Boat that challenged in the 1930 Cup defense. At 127 feet long with 7,540 square feet of sail, she towers over everything else in the harbor.

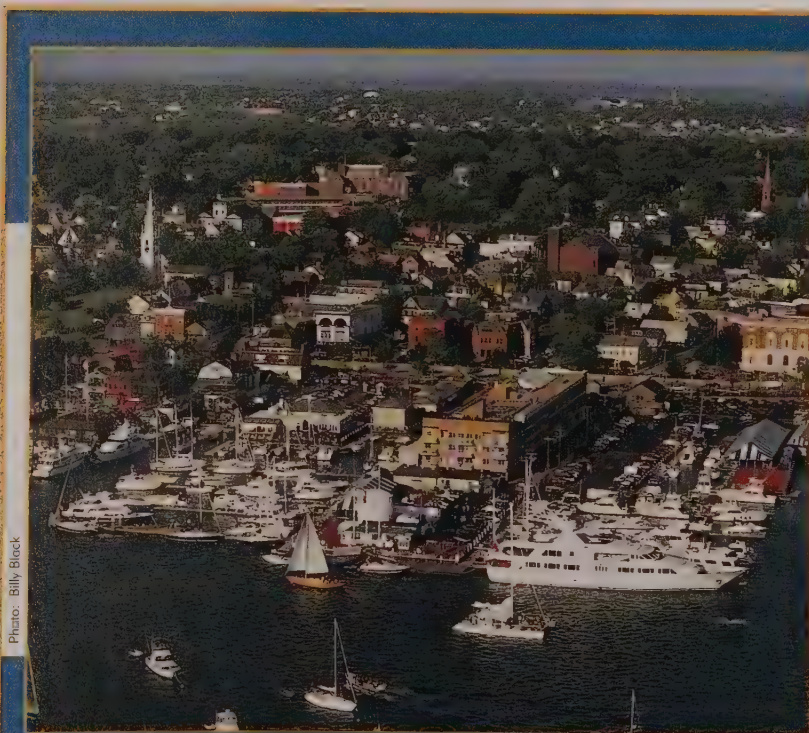


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If you don't want to row, walk, or take a taxi, Old Port Launch Service (401-847-9109 or VHF 68) will take you by boat across the harbor from downtown to Fort Adams Park. For a complete calendar of Newport's yachting activities, contact Sail Newport (401-846-1983). Also, the Newport Yachting Center (401-847-9047), right on the waterfront, hosts numerous events throughout the season.

Tennis fans will love the International Tennis Hall of Fame and Museum (401-849-3990), set in the historic Newport Casino. This site has been serving up professional grass-court competition since 1881. Courts are open to the public, so if you've never played on nature's carpet, here's your shot.

Downtown, historic buildings and specialty shops stand side by side. At the north end of Washington Square sits the 18th-century Brick Market. This National Historic Landmark served as Newport's City Hall for 50 years. Another landmark is the Colony House (401-846-2980) at the opposite end of Washington Square. In this building on May 4, 1776, the colonial legislature forswore their allegiance to George III and made Rhode Island the first independent republic of the 13 original colonies.

Restaurants and Provisions

Newport is a goldmine of restaurants, and Goat Island features two notable choices. The Windward (401-849-2600), at the Newport Islander Doubletree Hotel, offers casual dining with an American menu. For heartier fare and a relaxed atmosphere, head for the Marina Pub (401-846-2675). Docking for both is arranged through Goat Island Marina.

Fill up on New England-style seafood at Waverleys Harborside Food & Spirits, in the Newport Harbor Hotel & Marina (401-847-9000). At Bannister's Wharf, the Black Pearl (401-846-5264) is split between a casual dining room, offering burgers and chowder, and the formal dining room for those who enjoy reservations, dressing up, and exquisite cuisine. One wharf over, the Moorings (401-846-2260) is a great place for shellfish. Nearby, Christie's of Newport (401-847-5400) also offers fine, waterside dining.

Away from the water on Thames Street, the Brick Alley Pub (401-849-6334) gets rave reviews for its brilliant burgers. Order some pasta and twirl la fork at La Forge Casino (401-847-0418) on Bellevue Avenue, or at Salas' Restaurant (401-846-8772) on Thames. More Italian dishes await farther down Thames at family-oriented Pronto (401-847-5251). Scales & Shells (401-846-3474) sells succulent Southern Italian seafood across the street from one of Newport's institutions, Callahan's Cafe Zelda (401-849-4002).

Further south in Newport Harbor, in the corner set off by Ida Lewis Rock, the Pier Restaurant (401-847-3645) has slips open for customers. If your larder is lacking, head to the gourmet deli known as The Market (43 Memorial Boulevard), or, if your list is substantial, to the supermarket on Bellevue Avenue, where's there also a laundromat.



This colorful spinnaker race is one of many competitions held off Newport.



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Navigation and Anchorages From the south

From East Passage, round Fort Adams Fl R 6s 32ft 7M HORN "2," then head southeast into Newport.

From the north

After passing under the center span of the Newport Bridge, keep R N "12A" off Rose Island to the east. Begin your approach to the harbor after Fl R 4s BELL "12" off the island's southwestern shore. Beware of lobster pots, and swing well west of this area, especially at night. Once you're clear of here, the harbor entrance sits to the southeast between Goat Island and Fort Adams.

CAUTION: *Stay west of Rose Island to avoid the shallow water north of the island and the low clearance of the Newport Bridge at this juncture.*

Newport Harbor

Keep mid-channel between Fort Adams and Goat Island. Once through here, you'll be encircled by marine facilities.

From Fl G 2.5s BELL G "3," pick up G C "7" as you head north for the center of the causeway ahead. To the east, you'll see privately owned moorings available for rent. To the west, the harbormaster maintains 20 moorings between the channel and Goat Island, north of G C "7." These are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The anchoring area for Newport is located inside the Cable Area (marked on the chart) from Little Ida Lewis Rock to the Ida Lewis Yacht Club, and along the northern edge of the mooring area in Brenton Cove.

CAUTION: *Beware Little Ida Lewis Rock (known locally as the "spindle"), marked by daymarker R "6." Don't cut east of the marker—even dinghies can get hung up here.*

All anchorages in the harbor are under the direction of the harbormaster. Vessels utilizing their own ground tackle cannot be left unattended—people may go ashore but can't leave the local area. If your boat goes unattended for too long, the harbormaster will tow it and charge mooring fees while it's in his custody.

Special Anchorages 1, 2, and 3 are the commercial mooring areas. If you're coming into the harbor, you can call Island Marine Services (401-848-9648 or VHF 11); Oldport Marine Services (401-847-9109 or VHF 68); or Newport Mooring Service (401-846-7535) to reserve a ball. If you would like to bring a dinghy ashore, use the town docks. Should you need repairs, head to Brewer Street Boatworks, in the center of the downtown waterfront. For do-it-yourself repairs, call Newport Nautical Supply—they'll deliver to your boat.

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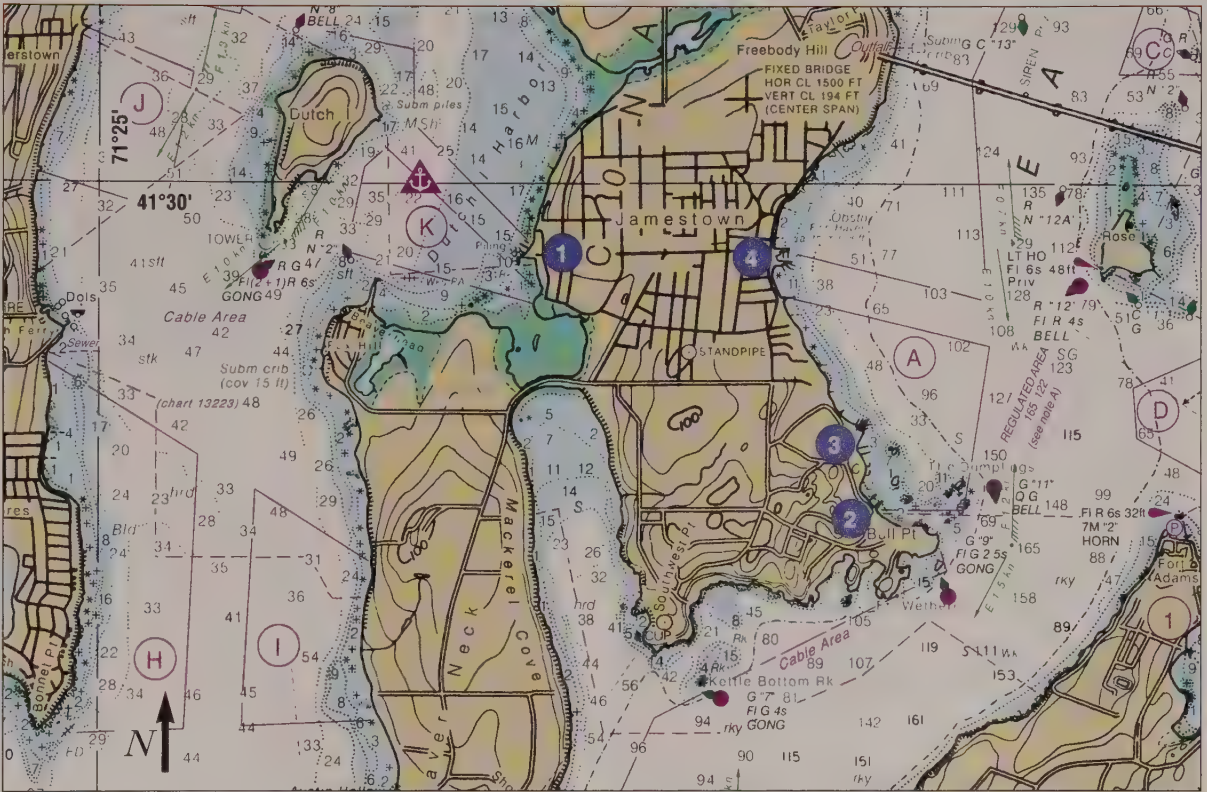
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A group of Rhode Islanders bought Quononaquitt Island from the Narragansett Indians in 1657 and established a settlement there. (It must have been a relief when the island's name was finally simplified to Conanicut—other early spellings were Quinunicutt and Quononoquott.) The settlement became the village of Jamestown in 1678.

These days, Jamestown is content to be a sort of younger sibling to Newport, where most travelers head. Even with two bridges leap-frogging the island, quiet Jamestown is still an out-of-the-way place, and it was only recently that the year-rounders finally succeeded in out-numbering the summer visitors.

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3	Conanicut Marine's Roundhouse Yard	401-423-1556	71			Y						R200		All							MV																																																																																																												
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Aw, shucks—seafood is bountiful in Jamestown. © Embassy



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Colonial and Native American artifacts from pre-history up to the early European settlements of the island fill the Sidney Wright Museum (401-423-7280), housed within the Jamestown Philomenian Library. The Jamestown Museum (401-423-0784) contains a permanent display of ferry boat memorabilia. For children of all ages, the Fire Department Memorial Building (401-423-0062) has an 1894 horse-drawn engine and other early fire-fighting equipment.

Watson Farm (401-423-0005), on North Road, is a 280-acre working farm open to the public. You can buy virgin wool yarns, visit the barnyard animals, and stroll the trails that overlook the bay.

Scuba enthusiasts, head for the crystal-clear playground off Beavertail Point. You're sure to have company under the waves, as this is a popular site for check-out dives.

Restaurants and Provisions

The morning hangout is East Ferry Market and Deli (401-423-1592), for pastries and specialty coffees; at lunch, try salads, soups and sandwiches on the terrace overlooking the bay. Indulge in a sweet sampling from the Slice of Heaven Bake Shop (401-423-3970), which also boasts a coffee bar.

Jamestown Oyster Bar (401-423-3380) on Narragansett Avenue specializes in local seafood, including three kinds of clam chowder. For a similar pub selection, try The Islander (401-423-1020).

Schoolhouse Cafe and Bar (401-423-1490) is a one-room schoolhouse-turned-two-level-eatery across the street from trattoria Simpatico (401-423-3731), offering "regional Italian cuisine." Pull out the good threads for Bay Voyage Dining (401-423-2100) and enjoy continental cuisine with a magnificent view.

Also on Narragansett Avenue are a convenience store, pharmacy, and hardware store. Closer to Dutch Harbor, you'll find McQuade Supermarket (401-423-0873), which offers grocery delivery and a laundromat, and Island Pizza (401-423-2824). Zeek's Creek Bait and Tackle, Inc. (401-423-1170), located in the vicinity of Round Swamp, sells fresh seafood and fishing supplies.

Navigation and Anchorages

From the south

Traveling north, pass between Fl R 6s 30ft 7M HORN "2" to the east at Fort Adams, and Q G BELL G "11" to the west at The Dumplings. Keep these rocks well to the west before heading northwest into the harbor.

From the north

Jamestown is about 1nm south of the center span of the Newport Bridge. Keep Rose Island to your east and cut west into the bight (Jamestown Harbor), using the hotel as your guide. You'll see the large Conanicut Marina, offering slips



Although it's usually peaceful, this harbor is prepared for whatever may come its way. © Embassy

and repairs. Jamestown Boatyard, just north of Bull Point, also handles all repairs.

Potter Cove

Midway on the east side of Conanicut Island, **Potter Cove** offers a fine leeward anchorage, although there are conservation zone restrictions within 500 feet of shore. Jamestown Harbor itself, exposed only to the east, is a good place to drop the hook.

Dutch Harbor

Escape the hubbub in the small, protected cove of **Dutch Harbor**, on the western shore of Conanicut Island. **From the south**, enter the West Passage between Fl G 4s GONG G "3" at Whale Rock and the G R BELL "NR" off Beavertail Point. The West Passage is a straight run to R G Fl (2+1) R 6s GONG at the southern tip of Dutch Island. From here, turn north-east into the harbor. Do not pull in tight along the point—this is a restricted conservation area.

You'll have a clear path to the northern tip of Conanicut Island once you pass beneath the Jamestown-North Kingstown Bridge. Look for the abandoned lighthouse just north and west of the center span of the new Jamestown Bridge. The old Jamestown Bridge will be removed at some point—be aware.

In an emergency, you can anchor in **Bonnet Shores Cove**, due west of Austin Hollow. The shallow, rocky area is a poor anchorage, but it'll serve if you can't make it to safer waters.

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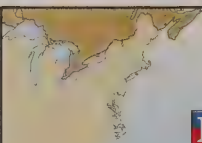


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Originally known to Native Americans as Manisses, or “Island of the Little God,” Block Island was not discovered by Europeans until 1524 when the Italian explorer Verrazano christened it “Luisa.” It was still another 90 years before Adriaen Block plotted the small island on a chart and humbly dubbed it “Adriaen’s Eylant.”

Block Island was formed when glaciers scraped together a mixture of coastal-plain strata and older glacial material from the bottom of the ocean. It's 6.5nm long, 3.5nm wide, and shaped like a lamb chop, featuring a windswept landscape of cliffs, ravines, freshwater ponds and beautiful beaches.

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1	Town Rental Moorings	401-466-3204	16	12	90	S								
2	CHAMPLIN'S MARINA, HOTEL, RESORT & TENNIS CLUB p. 137	401-466-2641	68	68	250	S	300 25 25	F	★▲50	DL	All	GD	MGIB	All HPT All MV
3	Block Island Boat Basin Inc. p. 137	401-466-2631	9	68	85	S	120 9.5 9.5	F	★▲50	DL	GD	GD	MGIB	RSP All MV
4	PAYNE'S 100' to Southside of New Harbor New Harbor Dock p. 137	401-466-5572			140	S	300 18 18	F	★▲50			GD	I RSP	All MV
5	Smuggler's Cove Marina	401-466-2828	68		14	S	52 7 10	F	★	RD	GD		I All H All MV	

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What To See and Do

Block Island is its own main attraction. You'll find the hills pleasant for biking and the rugged ravines beautiful for exploration on foot. The town itself (huddled around Old Harbor) has plenty of shops and galleries to make a day of browsing. The island is best seen by bicycle, which can be rented at a number of locations including several marinas.

If you'd like to spend a day at the beach head to the east side of New Harbor. A quick walk across the narrow spit will bring you to Crescent Beach, where you'll find plenty of sand and usually light surf extending from Old Harbor to Jerry's Point.

Lighthouse buffs will find two brilliant specimens. Block Island North Lighthouse, on Sandy Point, marks the northern tip of the island, while Southeast Light is perched high atop Mohegan Bluffs. Don't forget your suit and a snack.

If you'd like to entertain the young'uns closer to the boat, set 'em up with a rod, reel, and some fresh bait (clams, squid, etc., available at several of the marinas). Just drop a baited line over the side and hang on.

The Block Island Tourism Council (401-466-5200), Chamber of Commerce (401-466-2982), marinas, and island newspapers are good sources for more information.

Restaurants and Provisions

There are several dining establishments of interest right at Champlin's Marina (401-466-2641). You can stop in at the Dockside Restaurant for casual breakfast, lunch, and dinner, or the Pizzeria for a slice. The Oar Restaurant (401-466-7753), at Block Island Boat Basin, combines good food, creative ambience, and harbor views. Near Payne's Dock, Dead Eye Dick's (401-466-2654) offers a wide variety of seafood and pastas.

The pairing of Winfield's (401-466-5856) and McGovern's Yellow Kittens (401-466-5855) offers fine dining and one of the island's more famous stomping grounds. Next door, Capizzano's (401-466-2829) features gourmet pizzas, antipasto, and cappuccino.

In Town, Ernie's Old Harbor Restaurant (401-466-5178) is a great place for breakfast, while Finn's Seafood Bar (401-466-2473), below and in the same building, serves lunch and dinner. You'll find many other great dining choices and most are casual.

Those looking to restock can check at the marinas for supplies. Otherwise, stop by Block Island Grocery (401-466-2949) or The Block Island Depot (401-466-2404) on your way back from town. You'll also see the post office and Island Hardware (401-466-5831) along Ocean Avenue.

Navigation and Anchorages

Approaching Block Island

From a distance, Block Island looks like two separate islands. The north end of the island is marked by the squat Block Island North Lighthouse, about 1.8nm south of the Fl G 4s BELL G "1BI."

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BLOCK ISLAND



Great Salt Pond's entrance from the northwest. © Embassy

CAUTION: A dangerous sandy reef stretches almost all the way from Sandy Point to bell "1BI"

Block Island Southeast Light

Perched 201 feet above sea level, this light marks the opposite end of the island. The perimeter of Block Island has a great many boulders in the shallows and should be approached with extreme caution, even by small boats.

From the west

Cross Block Island Sound to BELL R "2" at the entrance of Great Salt Pond. **From Point Judith**, it's a straight shot southwest to the Fl G 4s BELL G "1BI," marking Block Island North Reef. Jog west before heading south to BELL R "2" at the entrance to Great Salt Pond.

From The East

Head toward Fl G 4s BELL G "1BI" north of Block Island, then swing west before heading to the BELL R "2" at the entrance to Great Salt Pond.

Looking northwest from 2,500 feet atop the Block. Clockwise from left to right are: Great Salt Pond, Sandy Point, the long sweep of Crescent Beach, Old Harbor, and Old Harbor Point. © Embassy

Great Salt Pond

The **Great Salt Pond** entrance channel carries 9 feet at mllw. It's best to keep BELL R "2" to starboard to avoid the shallows at the entrance. The channel is straight—just pass down the middle toward the paired R N "12" and G C "11."

Great Salt Pond offers good protection, though finding space to anchor can be a chore. Anchoring is prohibited in the northern quarter of the pond. The town of New Shoreham maintains 90 moorings—the bright, lime-green ones—that can be rented for \$30 a night. Call the harbor-master on VHF 12 for availability.

Old Harbor

On the east side of Block Island, Old Harbor is a tiny refuge occupied mainly by fishing boats and ferries. The east breakwater is marked by a Fl G 2.5s 27ft 8M HORN "3" light. The controlling depth of the channel is 15 feet. Anchoring can be tricky, as there simply isn't enough room for everyone. The town maintains a public dock for transients. Call the Old Harbor dockmaster on VHF 12.

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Despite the myriad boats packing Great Salt Pond over the 4th of July weekend, the harbor somehow maintains a hint of tranquility. © Malcolm Greenaway

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2	Pirate Cove Marina	401-683-3030	9	10	76	36	Y	65	15	15	F	★50	DL	LC40	PSRF	GD		MI	RSP	P	MVD	
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3	Riverside Marine	401-625-5181	6	14		S	40	10	10	F	▲50	R					IB	P		MVA		
3	Standish Boat Yard	401-624-4075	16	69	6	10	Y	50	18	18	F	★30	D	RC10	All	GD		M	RS	P	MV	
3	Tiverton Yacht Club	401-625-5311	68		4	5		50	12	7	F	★	D				I	RSP	P	PS		
4	Borden Light Marina	508-678-7547				Y	52	10	25	All	★50	R	C	PGDFE	GD	Tex	MI	All			MV	
4	Capt. O'Connell's	508-672-6303			6		Y	80	10	5	F	★▲50	R	L60	GWf	G	Tex	M	R		MVD	
4	Leone's Restaurant/Christina's Marina	508-679-8158	9	20		Y		25	13	FP	★30	D						RSL		PR	All	
5	Shaw's Boat Yard	508-669-5714			4	1	Y	55	7	7	F	★30	R	L30	All			MI	RS		MV	
5	Somerset Marine	508-678-0040			6	6	S	50	6	6	FP	▲50	RD	LC35	All		GD	I	RSP	P	All	
6	Swansea Marina	508-672-8633					S	34		4+	F	★30	D	L25		G	Tex		R		P	
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7	Alden Yacht Yard	401-683-4200	9	67	20		Y	150	40	17	F	★▲50		LC160	All	GD	Tex	MI	P		MV	
7	East Passage Yachting Center	401-683-4000	9		20		Y	140	14	14	FP	★▲50		L70	All	GD		MIC	All	P	PR	All
7	 LITTLE HARBOR MARINE 	401-683-7100	61	69	50		Y	140	19	19	FP	★▲■800	D	L160	All	D		MI	All		P	All
7	New England Boatworks	401-683-6110	9				Y	140	15	15	F			L70	PRG DWFE						PR	All
8	Potter's Cove Guest Moorings				3	S							D									
9	Bristol Marine Co.	401-253-2349			25	40	Y	60	6	6	F	★▲50	RD	L35	All			M	RSL	P		
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10	Stanley's Boat Yard	401-245-5090	9	16		3	Y	42	15		F	★★▲50	D	L35	All			I	RS	P	MV	
10	Striper Marina, Inc.	401-245-6121	65		1	1	S	40	6.5	4.5	F	★15	RD	R7.5	PGE	G		I	R	PS	MV	
11	 Brewer Cove Haven Marina	401-246-1600 cover II	9		10		Y	60		6	FP	★50	D	LC 150	All	GD		MI	RSP	P	P	MVA
11	Bullock Cove Marina	401-433-3010			1		Y	50	6	6	F	★30	D	RLC30	PGDWFE			M	RS			
11	Lavin's Marina, Inc.	401-246-1180					S	40	3	3	F	▲50	R			G		MI	RS		P	
12	East Providence Yacht Club*	401-434-9734	16		2		S	80	15	6		★15	RD								P	
12	Old Harbor Marina	401-272-3121	9	16	17		Y	71	21	16	FP	★★▲50	D					I	RSL		PR	
12	Providence Bay Club & Bistro	401-273-2555	9		20		Y	300	22	22	All	★★▲50				GD		MGIC	RSP	HP	All	MVA
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13	Edgewood Yacht Club	401-941-9810	9		6	4	S	50	6	6		★20	DL					I	All		P	
13	Frank Pettis Boat Yard	401-467-8982	65		3		S	40	4	4	F	★30	RD	L20	PGDWF				R		P	
13	Pawtuxet Cove Marina	401-941-2000			6		Y	50	4	8	F	★120	R						RS		P	
13	Port Edgewood, Ltd.	401-941-2000			6		Y	100	12	10		★120	R		All	G		MI	RS		P	All
13	Rhode Island Yacht Club	401-941-0220	9	16	2	5	Y	40	3	3		★100	DL					I	RSP		PR	MV
14	Bay Marina 	401-739-6435			4	1	Y	50	6	6	F	★50	D	LC20	GDF			M	RSP		P	MV
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14	Carlson's Marina 	401-738-4278	9		5		Y	42	6	6	FP	★50	D	L25	PRGDF			MI	RSP	P	P	MV
14	Harbor Light Marina, Inc.	401-737-6353	14	16	10		Y	65	6	6	FP	★30	R	L60	All	GD	Mob	MI	RSP		P	MV
14	Little Rhody Boat Club	401-737-4550		11		1	Y	40	1	8	F	▲15	RD									
14	Marine Machinery Service	401-738-5135			2		Y	60	4	4		▲50	R	C25	GD							
14	Warwick Cove Marina 	401-737-2446			5		Y	35	12	8	F	★20	D			GD		MGIB	RSP		P	MVD
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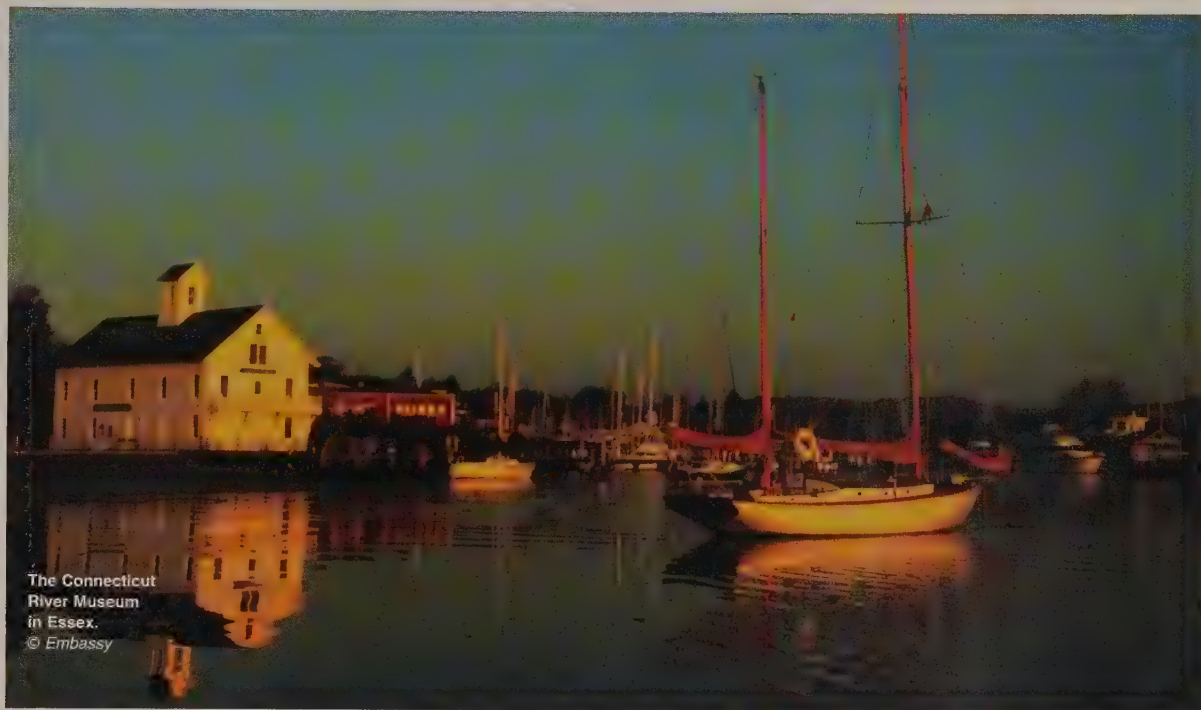
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The Connecticut
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Old-world charm and America's past cling to the 90-nautical mile Connecticut coast. The narrow streets and stoic taverns of Mystic, the old ship-building village of Essex on the Connecticut River, the busy, yet peaceful shores from Guilford to Greenwich, and monuments wherever you turn. Connecticut brings you back.

The beginnings and preservation of this old-world heritage may have as much to do with Long Island as Connecticut, though. Because Long Island shrouds nearly the entire coast of Connecticut, it protects the shoreline from the harsh wave activity of the Atlantic Ocean. As a result, the jagged Connecticut coastline, with its rough terrain, has remained essentially unchanged for thousands of years.

But don't be fooled. The coastline may be protected, but the powerful tidal currents of Long Island Sound can make access to sites in Connecticut tricky. As tides change, the Sound acts as a giant bathtub—high tides slosh in from the eastern entrance at The Race, raising water levels up to 8 feet. When they pour back out, the current at The Race can run up to 6 knots. Foggy conditions and wind opposing current can make the passage extremely difficult at best. Choose your access route carefully, as timing is everything.

In Connecticut, the boating season generally runs from May through October. While late summer conditions can turn the Sound into a virtual lake, perfect for those under power, sailing in the fall is a pleasure for wind-seekers.

Picking your entrance into the Sound is just as crucial. Many boaters opt for one of the many passages between

Fishers Island and Watch Hill Point. All of these require close attention to the marked reefs. Others try to time an entrance with The Race, located off the westernmost point of Fishers Island. This is the most direct, straightforward route into Long Island Sound, however, the currents tend to be strong. If you start your run through The Race at slack ebb, your cruising time will be moderate and your trip comfortable. Keep in mind that taking this route requires backtracking to the northeast in order to visit Mystic, Noank or Stonington.

Whether you choose the easternmost ports of Connecticut, where the state's heritage is proudly preserved, or go west to the more populated ports, a cruise here activates the senses. From rustic retreats to bustling downtowns, the state's spectrum of harbors offers a little bit of everything.

Fishers Island Sound: Stonington to the Thames River

Several harbors and towns along the eastern shore give tribute to what makes Connecticut cruising an essential entry in any captain's log. Steeped in New England charm, this region is an appropriate point from which to begin your cruise along the rest of Connecticut's coast.

Among the five passages into Fishers Island Sound, **Watch Hill Passage** is the easiest. It is the easternmost entrance, beginning between Fl R 6s BELL R "2" south of Watch Hill Point and GONG G "1" at Watch Hill Reef. Watch Hill Lighthouse Al W R 5s 61ft 14M HORN, and the yellow facade of the Ocean House Hotel are good visual guides, but keep



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your eyes open—lobster pots and crossing traffic tend to congest **Fishers Island Sound**. Once through the passage, head for Fl R 4s BELL R "6" south of Napatree Point. From here you can either continue west along the coast through Fishers Island Sound or stop in at Stonington, to the north.

The tiny village of **Stonington** manages to be both cramped and reclusive. Its narrow streets and numerous architectural achievements echo old New England. Pleasant little shops and restaurants, plus the Stonington Lighthouse Museum (203-535-1440), make a visit here rewarding.

To approach **Stonington Harbor**, head northwest from Fl R 4s BELL R "6" off Napatree Point toward Fl R 4s 46ft 5M HORN "4," known as "Middle Ground." Keep the light to your east and head due north, leaving the southeast end of the northern breakwater well to the west. (*Refer to the Stonington Harbor Highlight for more information.*)

Nearby **Noank** and **Mystic** complement Stonington—all are historically beautiful must-sees. If you only have time to visit one of these places, Mystic and its Seaport are highly recommended. There you'll find a classic colonial village that will please the entire family. The channel into Mystic Harbor is clearly marked and should pose no problems. (*Refer to the Mystic/Noank Harbor Highlight for more details.*)

For extreme solitude in this region, some boaters may prefer **Fishers Island** to the south. Technically, Fishers Island is part of New York, but for most people it's considered part of eastern Connecticut's cruising grounds. There are two main harbors to visit. **East Harbor** has no facilities but is fine for anchoring. Keep west of G C "1E" to avoid a rock. **West Harbor**, on the other end of the island, has several transient facilities. Approaching West Harbor from the east, you'll pass south of Latimer Reef, then head west-southwest toward The Clumps. Be sure to stay south of East and Middle Clump as you navigate for a point south of R N "4." Then head for Fl R 4s R "8," marking the entrance channel to the harbor. From the west, be sure to stay between Fl R 2.5s BELL R "2" and G C "3" at South Dumpling before heading to the entrance channel.

From Noank, the route into West Harbor at Fishers Island is direct. Head for G C "1," leaving it well to starboard, then head south, setting a course for Fl R 4s BELL R "8," passing between R N "2" and Pulpit Rock along the way.

Although there are no tourist attractions on Fishers Island, there is a grocery store and a few small shops—a short walk or bike ride away. Two facilities, Fishers Island Yacht Club and Pirates Cove Marine, cater to transients.

If you're in search of more activity, you'll find it along the **Thames River**, which splits the urban areas of Groton and New London. Roughly 4nm from the west end of Fishers Island, **New London Harbor** will show you another side of Connecticut's history. Although the old-world characteristics of Mystic and Stonington can be found in the inner reaches of New London (on the west bank) and Groton (on the east), the fringes of the harbor disguise it well. The rough-hewn

industrial features suggest a modernized version of an old commercial port—and that's exactly what it is.

Aside from the many attractions in the harbor area—Fort Griswold and the U.S. Naval Submarine Base in Groton and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London—many cruisers choose to dock in New London or Groton in order to use public transportation services to New York and Boston, and ferry service to Block Island and Long Island.

The river is lined with facilities, namely Thamesport Marina on the river's western shore, in Greens Harbor. The marina gives you easy access to New London.

From Fishers Island, your approach to New London begins at Fl R 2.5s BELL R "2" off North Hill, where you can make a beeline northwest for Fl G 2.5s G "1" and Fl R 2.5s R "2" marking the Thames River entrance. To approach the channel from outside the Noank/Mystic Harbor entrance and south of Ram Island Reef (Fl R 4s BELL R "20"), it's an almost due-west course. Be sure to stay alert for Intrepid Rock and the Seaflower Reef (Fl 4s 28ft 6M). Both can be passed on either side.

From any direction, the best visual aid for the approach here is the New London Ledge Light Fl(3) W Al Fl R 30s 58ft 14M HORN. This structure, built in 1909, sits about 1,500 yards north of the Thames River entrance buoys mentioned earlier.

Just upriver of downtown New London, a bascule railroad

bridge, with 30 feet of clearance when closed, separates the harbor from the upper Thames River. When venturing up the river, there are a few things to keep in mind. The Coast Guard strictly enforces a 5-mph speed limit throughout the harbor, as well as sections of the upper reaches of the river. As you pass through the harbor, be mindful of "Security Zones" marked on the chart. If you have photography buffs aboard, you should steer clear of these areas, particularly the Coast Guard Academy and the sub base—the Navy and Coast Guard are not fond of pictures!

The prevailing southwesterly winds of summer and generous depths make for easy cruising, giving you the freedom to fully appreciate the sights and scenery. At the head of the river, a visit to Marina at American Wharf is essential. They'll provide all the amenities you'll need, plus access to Connecticut's famous casinos, only a short bus ride away.

Niantic Bay to the Connecticut River

After you've absorbed the hustle and bustle of New London Harbor and points north, continue west to Niantic Bay for a more leisurely visit. There are two recommended approaches. From outside the Thames River, you can pass north of Bartlett Reef, but you must clear the south side of Goshen Ledge, approximately 1nm to the southwest. Once free of the ledge, rocks and reefs south of Goshen Point, you can head for Twotree Island Channel, which leads into

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Niantic Bay. Keep to the north of both G C "1" at the northernmost point of Bartlett Reef and G C "3" at Twotree Island. From here, navigate south of Fl R 4s BELL "6" as you head into the bay.

To reach Niantic Bay south of Bartlett Reef, point for Fl R 4s BELL R "4," less than 1nm south of the reef. Be wary of the currents around this area. From here, head northwest toward the bay, giving a wide berth to White Rock and Little Rock off the eastern shore, marked by Fl R 4s BELL R "4."

Many feel the Niantic River is as nice as the Connecticut

River's Hamburg Cove, a beautiful gunkhole with wooded shores and clear water, though Niantic is roomier and less crowded. The river itself is cut off from the bay by a sand bar (known as The Bar), keeping it sheltered from overuse.

The width of Niantic Bay will occasionally make for rough sailing if the winds are heavy. The narrow channel into the river is at the eastern tip of a jutting land mass known as **The Bar**. It has a controlling depth of 6 feet. Unfortunately, you almost have to be right on top of G "1," marking the channel entrance, before you see it. The channel is best approached at slack water or against the current.

Your next destination to the west is the **Connecticut River**. Flowing through the heart of Connecticut, this river is a must-see for any coastal cruiser who hopes to ever truly understand this state. Beginning from small springs just south of Canada, it winds through New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, before emptying into Long Island Sound. The absence of a city at the mouth of the river testifies to the dominant rural existence you'll encounter as you cruise northward.

Though the mouth of the river is wide, you'll want to enter through the **Saybrook Breakwater**, on the mouth's western side. Leave R N "6" at Hatchett Reef to your north and head for Fl R 4s BELL R "8," southeast of the river. The tip of

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the western breakwater is marked by Fl G 6s 58ft 11M HORN light. Stay between this light and R N "2." Shifting shoals east of here make it hazardous to access the river any other way.

Just inside the mouth, **Old Saybrook** and **Old Lyme** greet you. (*Refer to the Old Saybrook/Old Lyme Harbor Highlight for more information on these towns.*)

Just north, the charming village of **Essex** is a favorite among Long Island Sound yachtsmen, comparable in all respects except size to Newport, Rhode Island. Famous for its shipbuilding industry, of particular importance during the War of 1812, Essex has built a reputation for its stylish physical features—exquisite boutiques, one-way streets, and even an old-fashioned barber shop. (*Refer to the Essex Harbor/Hamburg Cove Harbor Highlight for more information on these river ports.*)

A few miles north of Essex sit the sister villages of **Deep River** and **Chester**. In the mid to late 19th century, businesses in this area began to realize the potential of harnessing the energy of the river for industrial purposes. Consequently, Deep River and Chester became well-known for their river-assisted production of brushes, combs, knitting needles, ink wells, lace and other goods. This section of the river is well-marked and easy to navigate. From the south, you may approach Deep River's facilities from either side of Eustasia Island.

The town of **East Haddam**, north of Gillette Castle on the east bank, resides atop a bluff—unlike the low banks of Essex, Deep River and Chester. The town is the site of the Goodspeed Opera House, one of the many landmarks in the area built by 19th-century entrepreneur William Goodspeed. The opera house, accommodating 400 theater-goers and dedicated to the American musical, is singular in its architectural design, and all of East Haddam is equally beautiful.

Much of the river valley from East Haddam north to Hartford is as picturesque as it has been thus far in your cruise. A trip up to **Middletown** and beyond is refreshing because much of this area borders on beautiful state parks.

Westbrook to Branford Harbor

Back outside of the Connecticut River, continue about 6nm to the west to reach **Westbrook** and **Duck Island**. Docking in the Patchogue River will allow you to visit Westbrook, where you'll find abundant supplies. There are more marine facilities crammed into this small port than at many of the large harbors on the Sound. Brewer's Pilots Point Marina has three separate yards here alone, among the offerings.

If exploring is what you're after, Westbrook is the place for that as well. We suggest taking a dinghy to Duck Island, or into the inner reaches of the Patchogue and Menunketesuck Rivers where you're likely to see swans, geese, terns and herons.

You can anchor north of Duck Island as well. The long arms of the north and west breakwater that extend from the island make for peaceful anchoring. From there, you can

dinghy or swim ashore for a relaxing afternoon.

The major obstacle in this area is **Long Sand Shoal**. If you're leaving the channel from the Connecticut River, you'll be well north of the shoal and should not have a problem. Just head for Fl R 4sec BELL R "2," staying south of Cornfield Point Shoal, Hen and Chickens, and Crane Reef. Pass between Menunketesuck Island and Duck Island (keeping at least 400 yards off Menunketesuck), and head for Fl R 4s R "2," marking the channel's entrance. At low tide, the area east of the channel and around Menunketesuck Island is extremely shallow.

If you're coming from Fl R 4s BELL R "8" at the east end of Long Sand Shoal, you have a choice to make. Tides tend to be slightly stronger south of the shoal, so when heading against the tide, stay north and follow the navigation already described. When going with the tide, stay south and head for Fl(2+1) R 6s 52ft HORN RG "W," leaving Q R BELL R "8A" to the north.

West of Duck Island Roads, on the other side of Kelsey Point, is **Clinton Harbor**, a popular stopover. It owes its popularity to its easy entry, the protection provided by the harbor, and the beach and facilities at Hammonasset State Park (203-245-2785) west of Clinton. The straight coastline of Hammonasset Beach makes for the best swimming in Long Island Sound.

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Breakwater light, Fl 2.5s 33ft 7M. Set a course for Fl G 4s G "3," which marks the entrance to the channel. Once in the channel, which is continually dredged to 8 feet, pay strict attention to its boundaries—just outside the channel can be as shallow as 1 foot.

While there may not be any major tourist hot spots in Clinton, the facilities, such as Cedar Island Marina, may be the chief attraction, as they offer all the amenities.

Hammonasset Beach also attracts people to Madison and Guilford. Much like Westbrook, **Guilford Harbor** is where the waters of two rivers meet before emptying into the Sound. As a result, it's a port frequented by boaters in search of exploration. But the rivers—called East and West River—are only half of the attraction. The town green in Guilford is one of the most beautiful and spacious in all New England. The wildlife sanctuary and 94-foot lighthouse of Faulkner Island, about 3nm south of the Guilford shore, also provide peaceful getaways.

Coming from Clinton, the safest route to Guilford Harbor is south of Madison Reef and R N "14" at Charles Reef. Give a wide berth to Fl R 4s BELL R "4," and turn northwest toward the harbor, leaving The Tailings G C "5" to port before turning into the dredged channel. The channels into each river are marked and have been dredged.

Sachem's Head has an unusual history, which makes it worth a visit. Named for the actual head of a Pequot sachem

chopped off by a rival chief and placed in the nook of an oak tree, Sachem's Head is not a town—it's the head of the larger body of Guilford.

From outside Guilford Harbor at Fl R 4s BELL R "4," head for R N "16" southwest of Indian Reef. Then point for R N "20" at Chimney Corner Reef, staying well south of the marker before turning northwest toward Sachem's Head Harbor.

There isn't much to see or do in Sachem's Head, and aside from their yacht club, there aren't any marinas. But don't lose your head over it—the village of Stony Creek is just around the corner.

As the largest group of islands in the Sound, **the Thimbles** will certainly provide boaters with navigating practice and picturesque coves. To approach Stony Creek and The Thimbles from Sachem's Head, start from Fl R 4s BELL R "22" and head for R N "4" into the well-marked channel. (*Refer to the **Thimble Islands Harbor Highlight** for more information.*)

Boaters seeking marinas and their shelter may opt to continue west of the Thimbles to **Branford Harbor**. The harbor provides good protection, except from the south. Deep-water anchorages, Branford River marinas, and shoreside facilities make it a popular port that's seldom crowded.

If you're traveling close to or through the Thimbles, keep alert of rocks and reefs when approaching Branford. From Outer Island, the southwesternmost of The Thimbles, make your way cautiously to the south of Fl R 4s R "28." Be sure to stay north of G C "3" at Wheaton Reef south of G C "1," at Gangway Rock. From R "28," head northwest between Cow & Calf (rocks), marked by Fl R 2.5s BELL R "34," and Five Foot Rock R N "32." From here, head northeast toward Fl R 4s R "2" at Blyn Rock, marking the entrance into Branford Harbor. Stay west of Fl R 4s R "2." The route into the channel will pass between Big Mermaid and Little Mermaid, the two large boulders that bracket the entrance to Branford River. If you draw more than 5 feet, we suggest keeping to the outer harbor, where depths range from 10 to 14 feet. While Branford offers excellent marine facilities, such as Brewer's Bruce & Johnson's Marina, getting to a restaurant or shopping center will require a cab.

New Haven Harbor to Black Rock Harbor

Strikingly different from the eastern region, both the land and sea of the Western Sound are much busier. Boaters learn quickly in summer that traffic on the water is much like the roadways from New Haven to Greenwich—congested.

For a first-hand experience of such urban life, take the time to explore **New Haven**, the second largest commercial port in Connecticut. Home of Yale University and recognized largely by the skyline of its Gothic and Georgian architecture, the Elm City stands as one of the oldest towns in the country, founded in 1638.

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ment alone make New Haven worth visiting. Italian cuisine dominates the city and its suburbs, but you'll also find French, Jamaican, Indian, and the finest burgers around. Of course, New Haven's most famous cuisine is pizza. Don't be surprised to see people waiting an hour or more for a table at the popular pizzerias. After dinner, take in a show at one of several theaters scattered throughout the Yale University area. Call the New Haven Visitor Information Center (800-332-STAY) for updates on entertainment and local events.

Approaching New Haven from the east is rather easy, but not even the largest of harbors on Long Island Sound can be taken for granted (or granite for that matter). From any direction in the sound, boaters can head for Mo(A) WHISTLE R W "NH," which marks the main ship channel into New Haven. Head northwest to Fl G 2.5s GONG G "1," identifying the entrance. The markers leading into the harbor keep you safe from the breakwaters to either side.

From Branford Harbor, leave R N "36" to starboard and enter at Morgan Point at the eastern end of the east breakwater. Pass between the breakwater and R N "4," then head for R N "6" off Lighthouse Point. The channel is about 50 yards wide, and as you would expect from such a large harbor, it carries plenty of water. Marine facilities, however, are fairly scarce relative to the size of the harbor.

Farther west, **Milford** is strikingly different from New Haven. Small fishing boats and oystermen dominate Milford's harbor. With no hazards offshore, this port is easily accessible between R N "12" and Fl R 4s BELL R "16." (*Refer to the Milford Harbor Highlight for more information.*)

Continue west to the town of **Stratford**, named after Stratford-on-Avon, England. The American Shakespeare Theater was built right on the Housatonic River in 1955, where it thrived until the 1990s. The Theater, now a state park, and the cute village of Devon, on the western shore, are a short jaunt from Brewer's Stratford Marina and the other marine facilities.

From Milford, the approach to the **Housatonic River** is simple and direct. At Fl R 4s BELL R "16" just south of Charles Island, set a course for Fl G 2.5s G "1," which marks the beginning of the channel. The Stratford Point Light, Fl(2) 20s 52ft 16M HORN, is the second most powerful beacon on the Sound and an excellent landmark when heading for the river.

For those of you who haven't gotten your fill of urban cruising ports, **Bridgeport** is around the corner, a little more than 5nm west of the Housatonic. Although not as well-known as Hartford or New Haven, Bridgeport is the largest city in Connecticut and one of the three deep-water commercial harbors in the state.

If you're lucky enough to be in Bridgeport in July, don't miss the Barnum Festival, held in honor of Phineas T. Barnum, the city's most celebrated citizen. His circus and other entertaining acts in the 1800s spawned a craze for the bizarre that lasts today. The summer fete attempts to re-cre-

ate P.T. Barnum's antics, with a parade, fireworks, concerts, and other events such as Tom Thumb and Livinia Warren (Thumb's wife) look-alike contests.

Bridgeport Harbor is well protected but highly commercial—give the large freighters and tankers the respect they deserve. Ambitious cruisers can explore the three tributaries of the harbor, Johnsons Creek, Yellow Mill Channel and Pequonnock River. They offer marine facilities from which the city can be reached.

The major landmarks identifying Bridgeport are the three United Illuminating stacks. Head for the Mo(A) WHISTLE R W "BH" and then Fl R 2.5s GONG R "2," marking the entrance channel. From Stratford Point, stay about 1,000 yards or more offshore heading west-northwest to pick up Fl R 2.5s BELL R "10," just outside the breakers that lead into Bridgeport's entrance channel. Depths of 35 feet are maintained in this passage, leading up to the head of navigation at the Interstate 95 bridges over the Pequonnock River.

Black Rock Harbor to the west is technically part of Bridgeport, but any yachtsman familiar with Long Island Sound can tell you that these two closely knit ports are vastly different. Black Rock Harbor is predominately a sailor's port (with Wednesday night yacht races), whereas Bridgeport is much more commercial.

Captain's Cove Seaport is the main attraction in Black Rock Harbor, providing entertainment throughout the day.



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Home of the *H.M.S. Rose*, the largest operational wooden sailing ship in the world, Captain's Cove offers an amusement center, a restaurant, Sunday afternoon band concerts on the boardwalk, and full-service transient facilities.

From Mo(A) WHISTLE R W "BH" and Fl R 2.5s GONG R "2" at the Bridgeport Entrance Channel, head for Fl R 4s 43ft 4M "2A," identifying Black Rock Harbor. Heed the nuns and cans marking Black Rock's channel, as it shallows to less than 4.5 feet outside the markers.

Southport Harbor to Greenwich

A few miles west of Black Rock, **Southport Harbor** offers a pleasant contrast to the city sprawl of the Bridgeport area. Because of its size and limited facilities, Southport tends to be crowded in high season. Cruisers familiar with the Nutmeg State know Southport as the access port for Fairfield, home of some of the finest restaurants and shops on the coast.

Unfortunately for transient vessels, Southport and Fairfield offer very little in the way of marinas. Two yacht clubs on the harbor's west bank offer fuel and a few moorings, but overnight docking is scarce. If you plan to visit for an extended period, we recommend calling ahead.

The approach to Southport is unobstructed. From Mo(A) WHISTLE R W "BH" southeast of Black Rock, set a westerly

course for approximately 3.5nm to Fl R 4s BELL R "22." From here, the entrance markers for Southport to the northwest are less than 1.5nm away. The channel is very narrow—50 to 75 feet wide—and after passing R N "10," it's advisable to stay west of center for the deepest water.

For a continued look at the rich history of the state's gold coast, head for the mouth of the **Saugatuck River** and **Westport**. You'll find an outcropping of Manhattan's elite who so frequently seek refuge in their "country" homes—third and fourth houses, for some—in southwestern Connecticut. Consequently, the residences here are exquisite and make for picturesque sailing.

From R N "2" and G C "3" at the end of the channel in Southport, head southwest, giving the rocks off Frost Point plenty of room. Then pick up Fl G 4s G "3" at the entrance to the Saugatuck River. The river is shallow, and the channel generally hugs the western shore. There are a handful of marinas and yacht clubs that do cater to transient vessels. If you're headed up the Saugatuck River, you'll have to travel under a 13-foot bascule bridge.

More accommodating to transients is **Norwalk**, about 2nm west of the Saugatuck River. Coming from Westport, the reefs and rocks of the **Norwalk Islands** make a direct approach difficult. Your best bet is to stay south of the islands, and head for Green Ledge Light Al W R 24s 62ft 14M HORN. You can then head east into Sheffield Harbor and Norwalk. (Refer to the **Norwalk Harbor Highlight** for more information.)

If you enjoyed exploring the Norwalk Islands, then **Darien** and the **Five Mile River** are perfect for your next stop. About a mile from Norwalk's Sheffield Island, Darien offers pleasant gunkholes and marinas but little else. The mostly residential surroundings house a few shops, restaurants and delis, but you'll be hard-pressed to find tourist attractions—and that's exactly what makes it appealing.

From Al W R 24s 62ft 14M HORN west of Sheffield Island, the Five Mile River entrance is about 1nm north, and is identified by R N "2." Be sure to stay west of "2" to avoid Ballast Reef. The channel is narrow and carries about 6 feet of water. You'll find a number of facilities around Five Mile River, but many are not accessible in deep-draft boats.

If more activity is what you're after, **Stamford Harbor** is the place to go. One of the major yachting centers on the coast, Stamford has flourished in the past few decades as a commercial center and is home to many corporate headquarters. Bursting in population, the city also boasts numerous attractions like museums and theaters. Most of these are just a short cab ride from the water.

From Al W R 24s 62ft 14M HORN south of Five Mile River, pick up Fl R 6s BELL R "32" south of Shippan Point and the entrance to Stamford Harbor. Stay south of the marker to avoid running into The Cows, then turn to northwest and head for R N "2." Once inside the main harbor, you'll see Iso R 6s 38ft light, just south of the channel's division into East



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and West branches. Marinas catering to cruisers, such as Brewer's Yacht Haven, are located on both sides. Anchoring is permitted inside the breakwaters in the harbor, although you must keep alert for rocks scattered about.

The last stretch of the Long Island Sound along the Connecticut shore is **Greenwich**, which consists of five ports: Captain Harbor, Cos Cob Harbor, Greenwich Harbor, Indian Harbor and Byram Harbor.

Captain Harbor is actually the body of water between the Captain Islands and the mainland and is the first cove you'll encounter. If you're coming from the east, stay south of Fl R 6s BELL R "32" outside of Stamford and continue west toward R N "34" off Greenwich Point. Once you've cleared the reefs, you'll want to pass between Fl G 2.5s GONG G "1" and R N "2." Inside, you have two choices: either explore the islands or continue into one of the other four harbors. The conspicuous lack of industrial scenery and the gracious depths of the harbors make Greenwich a favorite layover port for those who wish to anchor. Though marinas may be few, they provide all the amenities. Try the Greenwich Harbor Inn and marina, close to many restaurants, boutiques, and attractions. A town fuel dock provides pumpout facilities. In Cos Cob, head to Cos Cob Inn and Beacon Point Marine.

It's rather fitting that the last harbor you'll encounter in Connecticut is Greenwich. The name itself, taken from Greenwich, England, substantiates the New England heritage so deeply established in Connecticut. The five harbors that

make up the Greenwich coast are evidence of the diversity you've experienced in Connecticut cruising. And the sheer number of boats pulling into Greenwich tells the tale—those traveling west are in no hurry to leave, and those traveling east are eager to get a taste of Connecticut.

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What To See and Do

The tiny village of Stonington is filled with interesting architecture, ranging from colonial fishermen's houses to federal mansions to Victorian gingerbread homes. A walk down Water Street from the ornate library in Wadawanuck Park and past Cannon Square to the Old Lighthouse Museum on the point is a must. The community has a long and impressive list of resident artists and writers, many of whom have their work on display in the local galleries.

One of the most colorful events in town is the annual Blessing of the Fleet by the bishop of Norwich. The event, usually held the last weekend in July, includes a parade, concerts, the formal blessing ceremony, and food—lots and lots of it—especially lobster.

The Old Lighthouse Museum (860-535-1440) has a fine collection of marine art and eclectic exhibits like ice-harvesting machinery. Just down the hill is DuBois Beach, operated by the Stonington Community Center (860-535-2476).

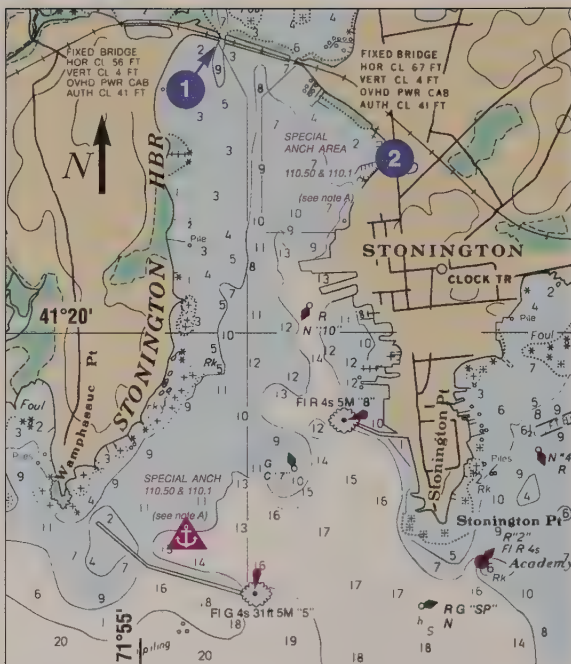
For those of you who want some action, hoist your main sail for the dinghy races held every Wednesday night by the Stonington Dinghy Club and open to all comers.

If you've brought a bicycle, take a ride to the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center (860-536-1216), with trails, a museum, and a gift shop. For anglers and gunkhole explorers, Don's Dock, just north of the railroad bridge, sells bait and tackle and has small skiffs for rent.

Restaurants and Provisions

If you want to go ashore for shopping and a meal, Skipper's Dock (860-535-2000) has a large pier for use by their patrons. Fresh lobsters are also available right on the pier.

At Dodson Boat Yard (860-535-1507), you'll find the Boatyard Café, with a varied menu and a great deck overlooking the harbor. Noah's (860-535-3925) serves lunch and



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dinner in a home-style atmosphere, or head to the Water Street Cafe and Market (860-535-2122/0797) for light provisions or a creative dinner menu. The market carries gourmet grocery items including breads and other baked creations.

Navigation and Anchorages

From the east

Coming from the Pawcatuck River and Little Narragansett Bay, the channel is well marked. Just remember that the cans are kept to starboard and the nuns to port—the channel is marked as the approach to the Pawcatuck River. It's also very narrow and congested on weekends.

Sandy Point has migrated a little north and east toward

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Stonington. There is deep water off the northern point, but again the channel is narrow and crowded. The island is a popular swimming, sunbathing, and picnicking spot, but you'll need a pass from the Community Center to use the beach—it is patrolled.

When rounding Stonington Point, play it safe and keep Fl R 4s R "2" to your north. Travel west before heading north into the harbor to avoid the unmarked rocks surrounding the point.

From the west

From the west, head for Fl G 4s 31ft 5M "5" at the eastern end of the inner (or western) breakwater. The breakwater creates something of a blind corner, so give it a wide berth when rounding it and watch for heavy crossing traffic. The "back door" to the harbor, between the west end of the breakwater and Wamphassuc Point, has only about 4 feet at mlw, and is narrow. If you must pass this way, stick close to the breakwater and move slowly.

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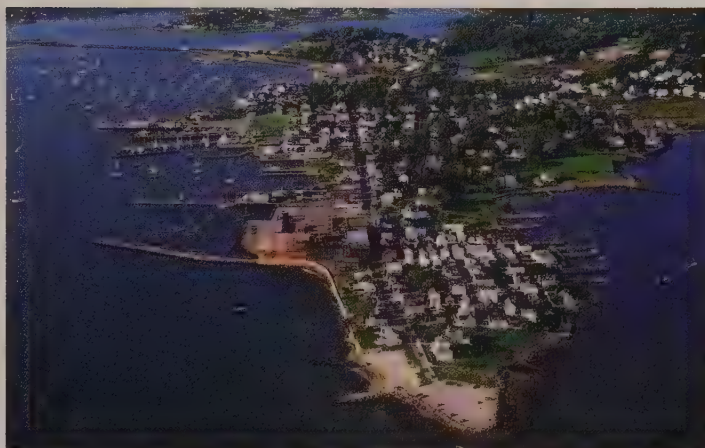
Between Fishers Island and Watch Hill Point are the five eastern passages into Fishers Island Sound: Wicopesset, Lords, Catumb, Sugar Reef, and Watch Hill. Watch Hill is generally considered the easiest, is marked the best, and is surely the most used. Wicopesset Passage may be the second-most popular as its rocks are easy to see.

From Watch Hill Passage, head for Fl R 4s BELL R "6." Though you can pass east of this lighted buoy, stay to its west to avoid hitting a rock off Napatree Point. Head for Fl R 4s 46ft 5M HORN "4" at the western end of **Middle Ground**. Steer toward this mark, too, if you decide to pass through Wicopesset Passage. From here, it's a straight shot to Fl G 4s 31ft 5M "5" outside Stonington Harbor.

Stonington Harbor

Right when you pass the western (or inner) breakwater you confront Stonington's finest anchorage. Turn to the west after passing Fl G 4s 31ft 5M "5" and snuggle up to the rocks. Dodson Boat Yard maintains several moorings here and operates launch service throughout the entire harbor. The launch can take you to the waterfront restaurants as well as the boatyard for a small round-trip charge (it's free with a mooring rental).

Just north of the mooring area inside the west breakwater is a "special anchorage" area that's likely to be crowded. North of this anchorage area, moorings start again and stretch all the way to the northern part of the harbor at the railroad bridge. There are two more "special anchorage" areas just off the docks in Stonington. If you drop your own hook, a kedge or plow anchor will hold best in the grassy bottom.



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Stonington, Connecticut, at the easternmost end of Fishers Island Sound, is an excellent stopping off place when cruising. There are moorings and dockage for visitors, and all of the amenities one might need within easy walking distance of any docks.

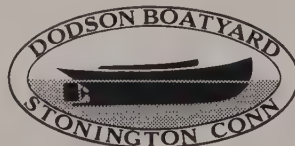
In addition to an excellent launch service and a dinghy dock, there are washrooms, laundromats, restaurants, a grocery store, a swimming beach, tennis courts, gift shops, galleries, and 20+ antique stores in town.

In the unlikely event it rains, the Mystic Seaport Museum and the Mystic Marineland Aquarium are just five minutes away by cab, as are the movie houses and other attractions of Old Mystic Village.

Stonington's gracious 18th and 19th century houses and gardens rival those of Nantucket and Edgartown.

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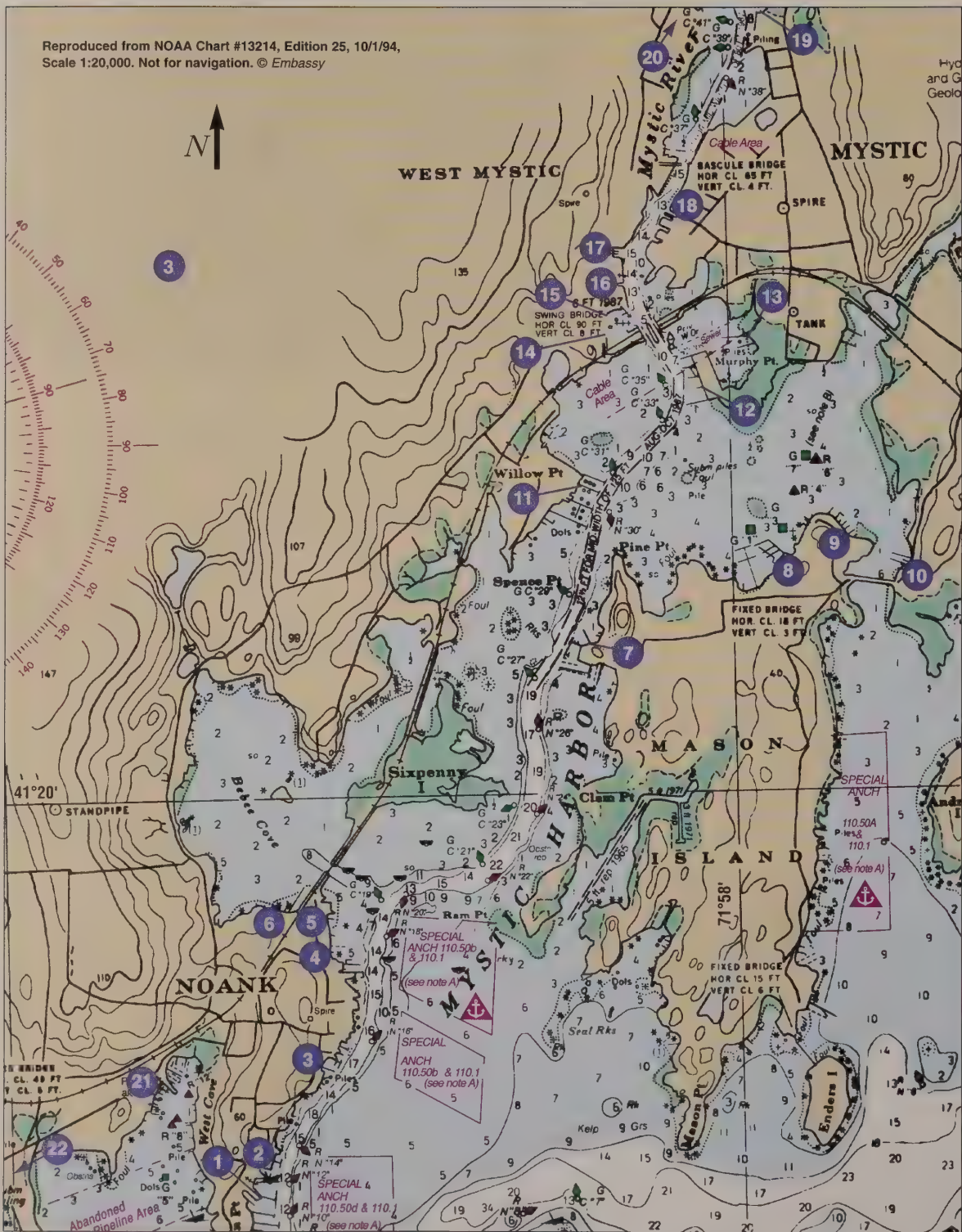
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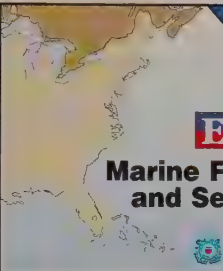
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After the English captured this area, they kept the Pequot name Mystic—meaning tidal river or estuary in the native dialect—although they largely destroyed the tribe who used it. Years later, when the British were attacking the colonies, they had another name for this area—“cursed hornet’s nest,” because of the fierce-fighting colonials.

Over the next 100 years, almost everyone in Mystic had something to do with shipbuilding and its ancillary industries. The town produced every type of wooden vessel from coastal sloops to clipper ships. Even today, the Mystic Seaport Shipyard employs some of the finest shipwrights in the world.

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In Noank, you won't find any shipbuilders, but will discover a town full of characters who speak with an accent. Not unlike that of the Mainer, Noank's Yankees tend to drop the r's at the end of syllables; this means you hear "hahba," instead of harbor. They pronounce "i" more like "oi," and tend to add an extra syllable to simple words, like "tree-uhs" for "trees." While diligent teachers have destroyed much of this regional dialect, a keen ear will still catch the tune.

What To See and Do

Downtown Mystic consists of a series of waterside streets with shops, boutiques, galleries and restaurants. Because so many people enjoy exploring the town during the summer,

the Chamber of Commerce (860-572-9578) offers local maps at the railroad depot and Bank Square.

Many boaters head upriver to the Mystic Seaport Museum (860-572-0711), which is clearly the town's greatest attraction. The Seaport captures the essence of maritime New England, preserving the history of wooden sailing ships.

Keeping hold of its nautical past, the museum maintains one of the world's largest collections of wooden boats, ranging from skiffs to the three-masted whaleship, *Charles W. Morgan*. In mid-July, expect to see even more wooden boats at the Antique and Classic Boat Rendezvous.

While you're at the Seaport, stop in at the Mystic Seaport Museum Stores (860-572-5386) where you'll find one of the best nautical bookstores around. If you're looking for nautical art, both the Seaport Store and The Finer Line Gallery (860-536-8339) on the corner of Pearl and West Main Street have excellent selections.

The Mystic Marinelife Aquarium (860-572-5955), a short distance north of the Seaport, is one of the most-visited attractions in Connecticut. More than 3,500 specimens of marine life are displayed in 50 live exhibits.

Noank is a small town on a peninsula. You'll soon find that most of the activities here have to do with the outdoors: gunkholing, fishing, swimming or sometimes hiking through the woods. The town itself centers around an old church on the green and is mostly residential, with streets that crisscross their way up and around the hills.

The town recreation center has a small beach, located near the town landing at the foot of Main Street. There are two state parks in the area also. Haley Farm State Park near the north end of Palmer Cove offers good hiking trails. Or you may explore the tidal pools at Bluff Point State Park on Mumford Point—a 750-acre coastal nature preserve.

Mumford, Palmer, and Beebe coves are great spots for exploration by dinghy, and each has a reputation for excellent bird watching. The marshy Sixpenny Island, which forms the eastern boundary of Beebe Cove, is a popular spot with nesting seabirds. Palmer Cove sports a public park and beach with a snack stand. Esker Point Beach is also good for sunbathing, but not good for swimming because of the silt.



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Restaurants and Provisions

There are many fine restaurants within walking distance of the marinas in Mystic. On the west side of the river, you'll find sizzling Mexican dishes at Margaritas (860-536-4589) on Water Street. Closer to the marinas, the Capt. Daniel Packer Inne (860-536-3555) serves fine food in a rustic atmosphere. Two blocks away sits Mystic Pizza (860-536-3700)—which inspired the movie of the same name—as well as many delis and pubs. For your money and time, the best stop, especially for lunch, is Two Sisters Deli (860-536-1244) with incredible sandwiches.

On the east side of the river you'll find Anthony J's Ristorante (860-536-0448), Bravo Bravo (860-536-3228), and waterfront dining at S & P Oyster Company (860-536-2674). Next to the Seaport Museum, the Seamen's Inne (860-536-9649) features lunch and dinner in an elegant, colonial atmosphere with an excellent but costly menu.

It is Noank's good fortune that most people pass it by, but for those who choose to visit, the town offers some fine seafood restaurants. Those staying at Spicer's in West Cove will want to try the adjacent Seahorse Restaurant (860-536-1670), offering seafood, beef, chicken and various daily specials. Also nearby, The Fisherman (860-536-1717) boasts selections of duck, veal and seafood. Abbott's Lobster in the Rough (860-536-7719), on Morgan Point, is the place for outdoor munching, and Costello's Clam Company (860-572-2779) features good seafood and a raw bar.

Navigation and Approaches From the east

You have two options when approaching Mystic Harbor from the east: head north of Ram Island, or head south of it. If you choose **north of Ram Island**, head for G C "7" at the island's northern tip. You'll pass a few hazards. Give Ellis Reef W "ER" a wide berth and head north of Gates Island, just east of Ram Island. Follow the buoys to the Morgan Point Light Q G 22ft 8M "5" and the entrance to Mystic Harbor. Be sure to keep R N "8" off Ram Island to your south.

There is a small anchorage on the east side of Ram Island that offers some protection from southwest winds, but you may be tossed about by the wakes of passing boats in the area. The bottom is grassy. A nice anchorage can also be found between **Mason Point**, the southern tip of Mason Island, and Enders Island.

CAUTION: Do not attempt to cut through the special anchorage between Noank and Masons Island. The number of moorings in this area has steadily increased from year to year. On top of that there are numerous obstructions and the eel grass may cause your depth-sounder to show false readings.

If you choose to travel **south of Ram Island**, keep an eye on Ram Island Reef, marked by W "RI" on the reef's northern

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side, and Fl R 4s BELL R "20" to its south. Keep the reef to either side and head for R N "2" west of Swimming Rock. Don't be tempted to cut directly up the western side of Ram Island; the area is riddled with unmarked rocks and shallow areas. Stay between R N "2" and G C "3" and head north, following the buoys to Morgan Point Light Q G 22ft 8M "5."

From the west

Head toward Ram Island and pick up G C "3" at Planet Rock and R N "2," both of which mark the beginning to the channel leading to Mystic Harbor. Give Planet Rock a wide berth. If you're cruising close to shore, keep R N "22" south of Groton Long Point to your north. Numerous rocks extend from the point.

Mystic Harbor Entrance

Enter Mystic Harbor between Morgan Point Light Q G 22ft 8M "5" and R N "6." From here, head north along the well-marked channel. To your west you'll see Morgan Point and the town of Noank.

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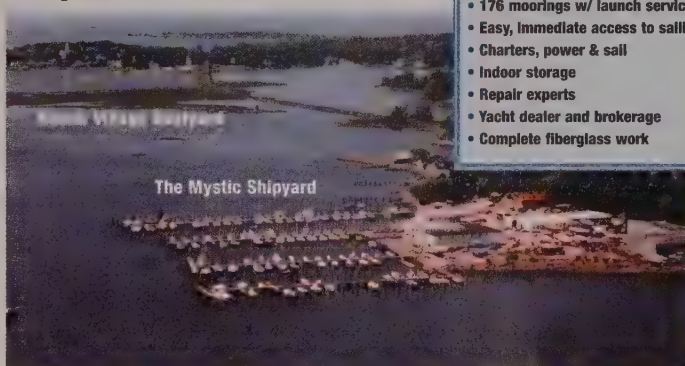
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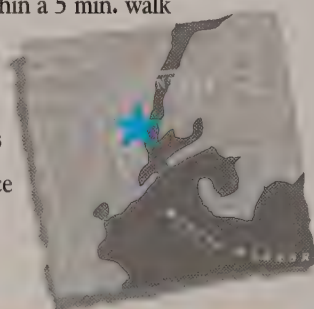
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to visit are pleasantly surprised by the town's solitude and good marine facilities like Noank Shipyard and Noank Village Boatyard. While most facilities are located on the east side of Morgan Point, there are also a few on the west side, including Spicer's Noank Marina.

As you continue north, you'll notice the primary anchorage area to your east, between Noank and Mason Island. It is often crowded during summer, but there should be enough water for you to set anchor with adequate scope. Stay as far east of the channel as possible to avoid the wakes of passing boats. Noank offers a floating pump-out service; hail VHF 9.

Mystic

The channel north to Mystic can be intimidating, as it is long and twists through many shoals and reefs. If you honor the buoys and stay toward the center of the channel, you should have no trouble. To the east, on Masons Island, you'll find the transient-friendly Masons Island Marina, south of Pine Point.

CAUTION: You may see boats anchored south of Sixpenny Island, but you should be cautious about using this area in any vessel drawing more than 2 feet. The harbormaster warns that large boats often run aground here.

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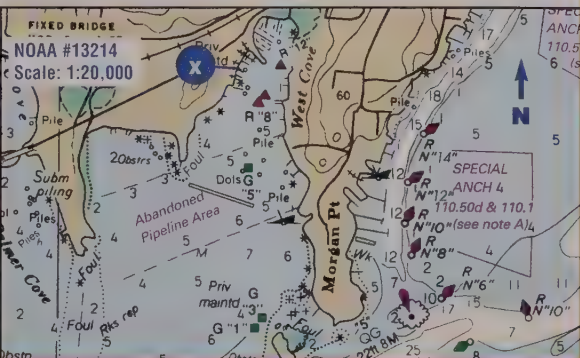
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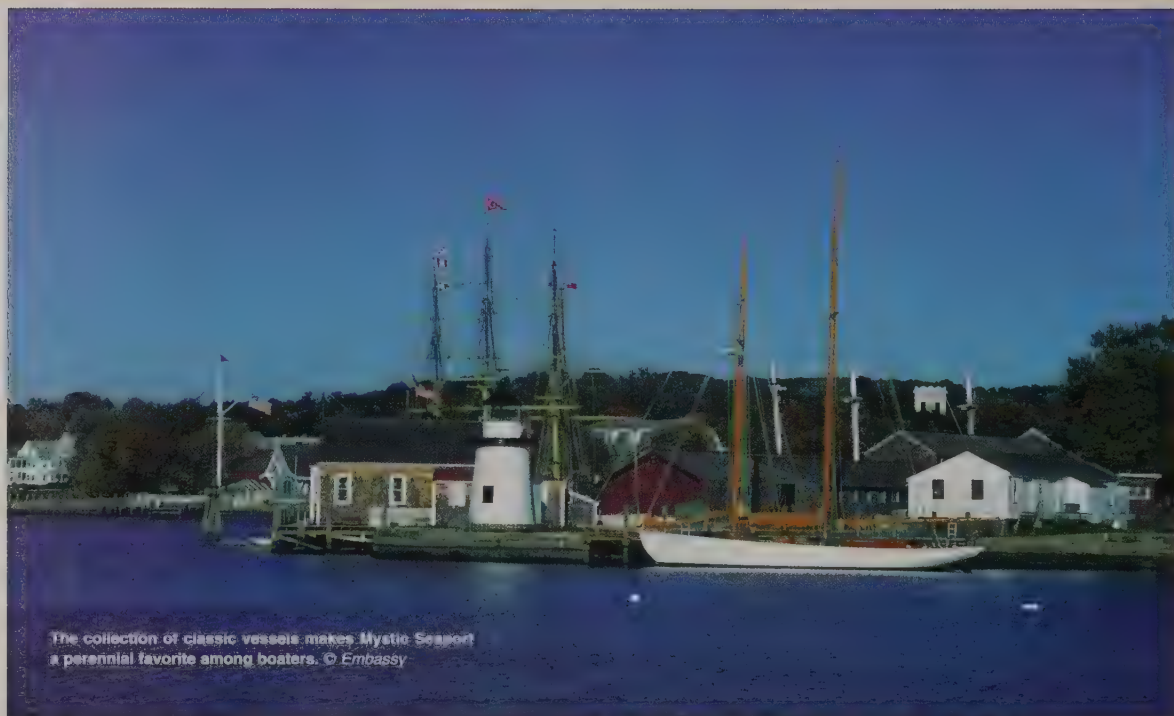
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About 0.5nm north of Masons Island, you'll come across the Amtrak Railroad Bascule Bridge (vertical clearance: 8 feet when closed). During summer, this bridge opens at 15 minutes past every hour from 7:15 a.m. to 7:15 p.m.; and should open on demand at other times of the season. Call the bridge (860-536-7070) for off-season schedules. North of the bridge is downtown Mystic and Mystic Seaport. The east side of the river is well-dredged, but the west side can get shallow, so don't wander too far from the channel.

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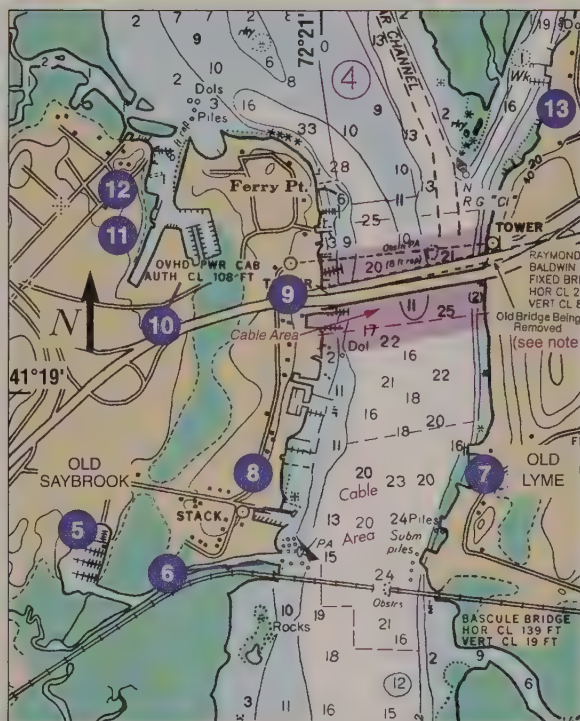
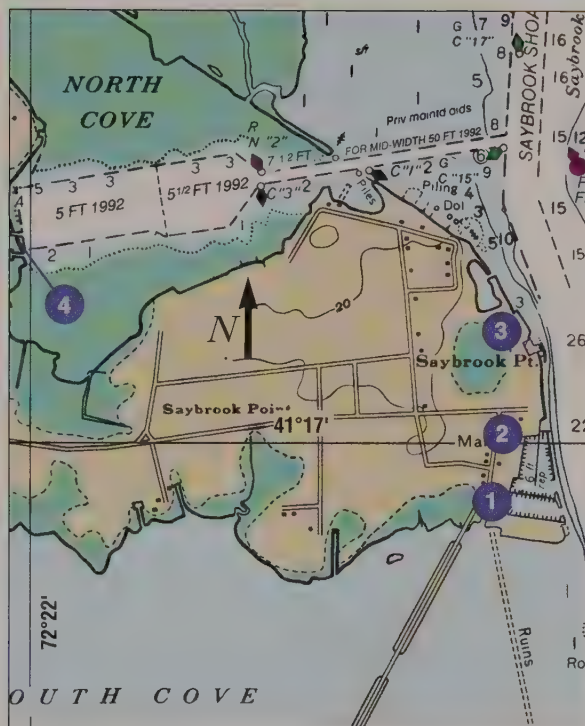
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The settlement of "Saybrooke" was first conceived by 15 English lords of Puritan descent. Given a large tract of land along the lower Connecticut River by the Earl of Warwick, these gentlemen were determined to create a place for "men of distinction and qualitie." Namely, themselves. They intended to cover the land with large estates, in hopes of living a comfortable life, safe from anti-Puritans back in England. Two of the 15 gentlemen, Lord Saye and Lord Brooke, lent their names to the colony.

In 1635, soldiers employed by the founders landed near the mouth of the river, and within a year, Lion Gardiner, future proprietor of Gardiners Island, had built a fort on Saybrook Point. While Saybrooke never developed into the elite haven envisioned by its founders, it did become one of Connecticut's most beautiful areas.

By 1663, Lyme had split from the rest of the colony; and over the next 300 years, the remaining land would

be broken up into the five smaller towns of Chester, Deep River, Essex, Old Saybrook, and Westbrook. While Old Saybrook has managed to retain much of its charm despite some commercial growth, especially along Main Street and the shore roads, it can't compare in beauty with neighboring Old Lyme.

In present-day Old Lyme, gracious captains' homes still sit back from tree-lined streets, and the town possesses a sense of peace, never hurried or ruffled. On a summer weekend, it's hard to pass through town without meeting a wedding party—usually gathered on the lawn of a large, colonial home or the stone steps of an old church.

What To See and Do

Old Saybrook and Old Lyme each offer the boater its own list of attractions. Old Saybrook claims most of the marinas and a fair number of restaurants, while Old Lyme tends to attract those who are looking for nat-



Saybrook Point Light. © Embassy

OLD SAYBROOK/OLD LYME

ural sights and artistic diversions. In Old Saybrook, inquire about the local trolley—it makes for fairly convenient access to and around town.

Coming up the Connecticut River, the opportunities for viewing art and nature are great in Old Lyme. Visit the Florence Griswold Museum (860-434-5542), The Lyme Art Association (860-434-7802) and the Lyme Academy of Fine Arts (860-434-5232).

Lord Cove's marshes offer fantastic bird-watching for you nature lovers. You'll see many ospreys, herons, egrets, hawks, kestrels, and other shoreside birds here. In June, the marshes fill with yellow and purple flags in bloom. By summer, the pink flowers of the swamp rose mallow burst into blossom. At dawn and dusk, muskrat, deer, and foxes can be seen coming to the water's edge, and recently there have been a few coyotes in town.

Fishermen should be aware that the waters north of the I-95 bridge are considered inland, so you'll need a fishing license to chase the blues, stripers, etc., north of the bridge. North Cove Outfitters (888-44-KAYAK) can help with details like: where, when, and on what, as well as the equipment to ensure your success. Check with one of the tackle shops or town clerks for license information.

Restaurants and Provisions

If you're looking for good eats, then Old Saybrook is the place for you. Down the road from the marinas at Ferry Point, the Saybrook Fish House (860-388-4836), offers healthy servings of some of the finest seafood in the state, as well as steak, chicken and delicious salads. Saybrook Point Inn offers fine dining at its Terra Mar Grille—try the Sunday Brunch.

Downtown Old Saybrook is about a mile from the marinas. Toward town, Cloud Nine Cool Catering & Cafe (860-388-0800) boasts a creative selection of soups, sandwiches, salads and baked goods. Don't miss Pizzaworks (860-388-2218) at the Saybrook Junction. In addition to sumptuous pies and salads you and your young'uns will be awed and entertained by the extensive model train sets.

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Across the river in Old Lyme, both the Old Lyme Inn (860-434-2600) and the Bee and Thistle Inn (860-434-1667) serve excellent food in comfortably elegant settings. The more reasonably priced Hideaway (860-434-3335), located in the Old

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Navigation and Anchorages

Connecticut River Entrance

From any direction, pick up Fl R 4s BELL R "8," southwest of the mouth of the Connecticut River. Keeping this lighted buoy to your east, head northwest for the entrance channel between Saybrook Breakwater Fl G 6s 58ft 11M HORN and R N "2" at the western breakwater.

***CAUTION:** Don't attempt to pass through the Saybrook Bar—the area east of the breakwaters. You may see fishing boats heading through here—don't follow them, unless you have local knowledge.*

On weekends the mouth of the river is congested, and during an ebb tide, the current can run anywhere from 4 to 5 knots.

Saybrook Point

Saybrook Point is located on the western shore, between South Cove and North Cove. There are two excellent marinas here—Harbor One Marina and Saybrook Point Inn, Marina and Spa. They are favorite stop-overs for large cruising boats on their way to Newport or New York.



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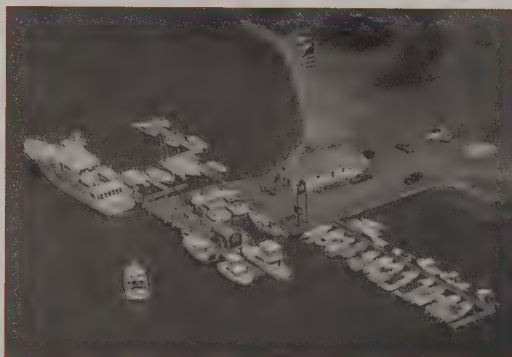
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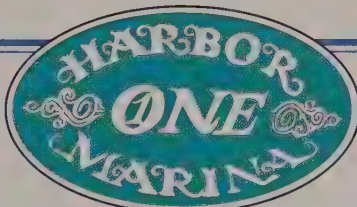
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Bridges

About 1.3nm north of North Cove you'll come across the first of two bridges in this area—the Amtrak Railroad Old Lyme Drawbridge. The span has a vertical clearance of 11 feet when closed, but during summer the bridge remains open unless a train is coming. Hail the bridgetender on VHF 13 for needed openings or information.

Just north of the railroad bridge, are the Interstate 95 Bridges—with fixed vertical clearances of 81 feet. Both shorelines around the bridges have several full-service marinas, all of which offer transient slips and are equipped to handle any of your repair needs.

On the west side of the river, in Old Saybrook, you'll find Saybrook Marine Service and Between the Bridges Marina. Along the river's eastern shore, in Old Lyme, you'll find the Old Lyme Dock. Sound Inflatables awaits a short distance from Ferry Point, Old Saybrook, should you need them, too.

Anchorage

North of the bridges are several nice anchorages. Check out the area east of Calves Island, a pleasant place to drop a hook away from the heavy wash of the main channel. At R G "CI" head to the island's eastern side. For more privacy, head into Lord Cove just east of Goose Island. There's good water up to the northeast corner of the island, but then it shallows, making further exploration difficult in anything but a dinghy. You'll find more water north of Ferry Point, across from Calves Island, but also more noise and more wakes from traffic in the channel.

***CAUTION:** The rocky shoals in the center of the river, north of Ferry Point, are unmarked and regularly snag unwary boaters—stick to the channel.*

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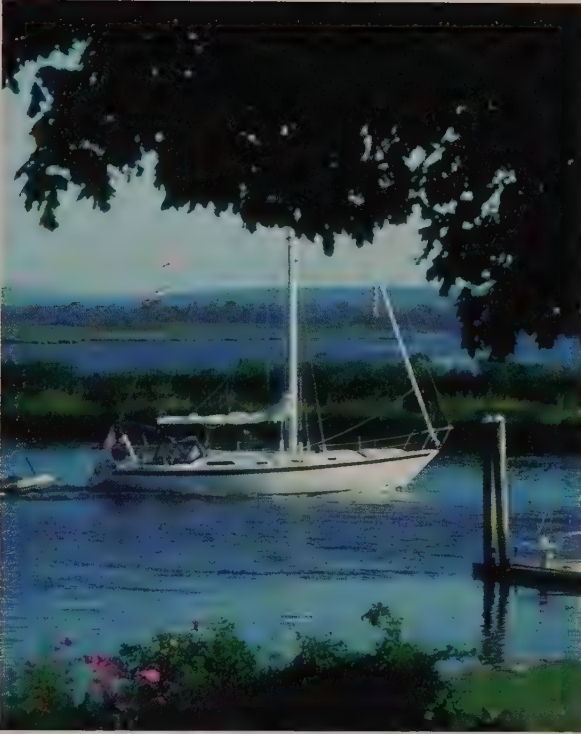
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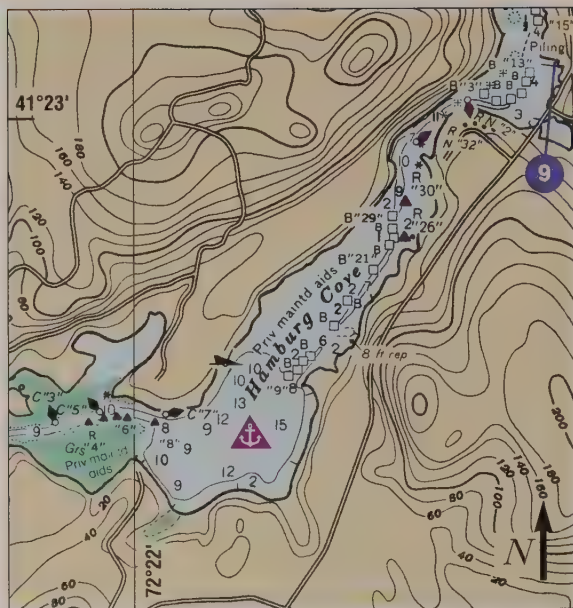
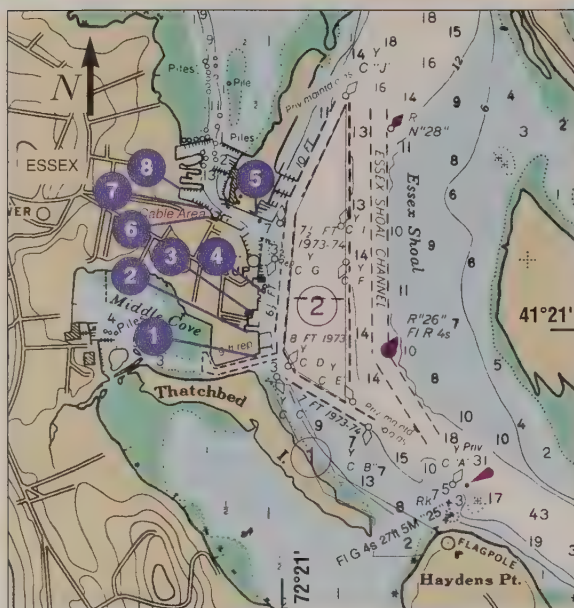
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Welcome to the No. 1 Small Town in America! At least that's what a few magazines and newspapers boast every year. Although it's on a river, many consider Essex the quintessential seaside New England village. With its many marinas and narrow, one-way streets lined with impeccable, antique houses, the town has maintained a great deal of its maritime heritage. In the last 300 years, more than 500 ves-

sels have been built in Essex, including the 24-gun *Oliver Cromwell* designed by the local Uriah Hayden in 1775.

On September 21, 1938, the great hurricane hit without warning. One hundred yachts were destroyed. The only local boats that survived were those anchored in Hamburg Cove, about 1.5nm northeast of town. Protected on all sides and anchored in the mud bottom, these boats rode out the

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hurricane with ease. Hamburg Cove has since been known as "Timid Cove," and is quite popular during summer.

What To See and Do

The word is overused, but Essex is the ultimate *quaint*, New England town. Stroll the streets, poke into the shops, or sit on the dock and just watch life go on. Steamboat Dock is popular with crabbers and rod-and-reelers as well as a group of local Labradors who pursue tennis balls—and ducks.

The Connecticut River Museum (860-767-8269) at the foot of Main Street, next to the town dock, is one of the finest little museums around. The pride of the museum is a working, full-size replica of the American Turtle—the first submarine, invented in 1776 by David Bushnell of Westbrook.

The Valley Railroad Company (860-767-0103) has a large collection of old steam and diesel locomotives. Daily steam train rides take passengers upriver with the option of joining a sightseeing boat for a cruise along the river.

Restaurants and Provisions

There are only a few restaurants in Essex, but they're good. The Griswold Inn (860-767-1776), has been in continuous operation since 1776. A taproom sign reads, "Because we cater to yachtsmen, a coat and tie are not required." Reservations are suggested. A block up Main Street is the Black Seal Seafood Grille (860-767-0233), which features tasteful nautical artifacts and a friendly bar.

Olive Oyl's Carry Out Cuisine (860-767-4909), across the street from the Griswold, serves sandwiches, salad and soup. Ken's Coffeehouse (860-767-8454) opens early and closes late, with live music on weekends. Get breakfast and lunch at the Brewers Dauntless Shipyard's small eatery, the Crow's Nest.

For high-quality produce, deli meats and groceries, visit the cozy, comfortable Village Provision Company (860-767-7376). They also offer bicycle rentals and laundry service. Together with Ken's Coffeehouse, they operate a "coffee boat," delivering coffee, pastries and newspapers.

Navigation and Anchorages

From the South

From Fl G 4s 27ft 5M "25" north of Haydens Point, simply follow the yellow buoys past the moored fleet into the marina or club of your choice. Due to the large number of moorings between the river channel and the marinas, there is little room for anchoring here.

Essex

The dock at the Connecticut River Museum, at the foot of Main Street, is 6.0nm upriver of the Saybrook Breakwater Light, and 2.6nm upriver of the Interstate 95 Baldwin Bridge.

It's impossible to miss Essex, a large mooring area with two channels (marked by two yellow cans) leading through the masses to the marinas and town. Because of the town's

popularity, it's best to call ahead to reserve a mooring or slip. Check with The Chandlery at Essex or one of the other local facilities if you'd like to pick up a mooring or you need a launch ride.

Heading North

The river is wide and deep almost up to the shores. About 2nm north of Essex, the river splits at Fl G 4s 26ft 4M "29," south of Brockway Island. Take the eastern fork.

Hamburg Cove

Between G C "1" and R N "2" east of Brockway Island is the entrance to one of the nicest anchorages you'll ever find—Hamburg Cove. It serves as an excellent hurricane hole, but it gets crowded during the summer. The harbormaster recommends picking up a mooring, but remain aboard in case the owner returns.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

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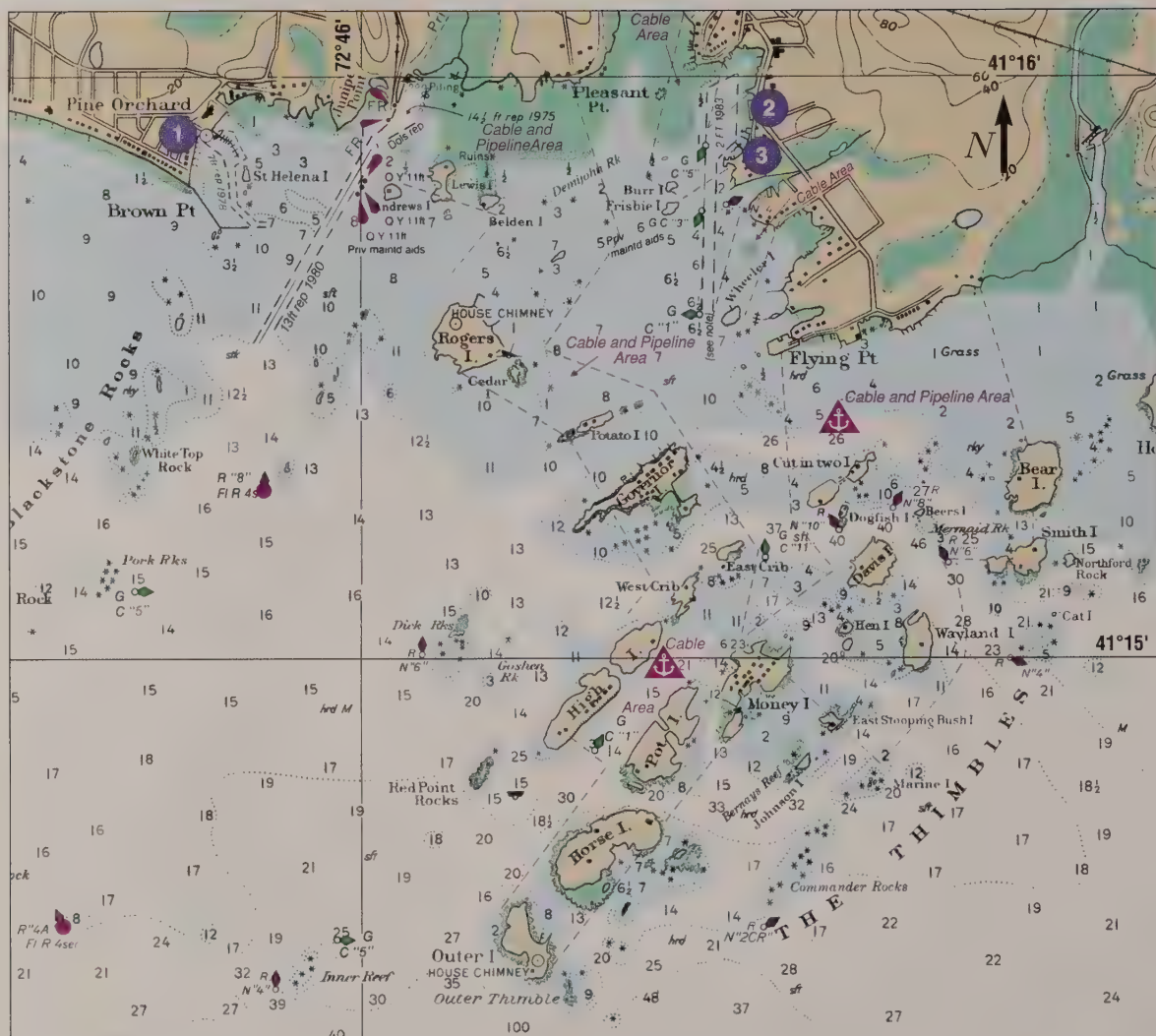
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Launch service to town and market—island tour

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Whether it was a monumental hurricane, or just some heavy currents, a little piece of Maine washed up on the Connecticut shore years ago—the Thimble Islands. Like a message in a bottle that lands on a beach, each of the 33 inhabited islands, both large and small, has a story to tell. By maneuvering through this minefield of rocks, a quiet anchorage can be found. After a visit, you'll have a story to tell, too.

What To See and Do

Relax. Sit out on the deck, rock gently in your dinghy, or explore the narrow, leafy streets and exquisite architecture of Stony Creek. If you'd rather, hand over the tiller to *Volsunga IV* for an entertaining tour of the islands.

Restaurants and Provisions

Throw down your anchor, take out the picnic basket and enjoy. Stony Creek doesn't offer a heck of a lot. There is a small deli at Stony Creek Marine and Tackle (203-488-7061).

Navigation and Anchorages

From the east

If you're traveling close to shore from the east, leave R N "20" at Chimney Corner Reef, south of Sachems Head, and Fl R 4s BELL R "22" at Goose Rock Shoals to your north.

Enter the channel leading to the middle of the Thimbles at R N "4" east of Wayland Island. Keep R N "6" at Mermaid Rock to your east and head past Davis Island toward R N "8." From there head southwest to an anchorage between Money and Crib islands. If you want to head to Stony Creek, leave R N "10" to the east before heading inland.

CAUTION: Be aware of a 3-foot spot southeast of G C "1" west of Wheeler Island.

From the west

From Fl R 4s GONG R "10A" at Townshend Ledge southeast of New Haven Harbor, a course of about 080°m for 3.3nm will take you past the Branford Reef Light to just south of Fl R 4sec R "28" at Negro Heads, west of the Thimble Islands.

Stay south of Fl R 4sec R "28" and G C "1" at Gangway Rock. From Gangway Rock, head between G C "3" at Hookers Rock and Fl R 4sec R "4A." From here you have two options: head straight to Stony Creek or east to the Thimbles.

If you want to head directly for **Stony Creek**, bear approximately 067°m from Fl R 4s R "4A," keeping R N "6" marking Dick Rocks at least 200 yards to your southeast. Each year at least a dozen boats go around here.

Navigate between Potato Island and Governor Island, and head for G C "1," marking the channel to Stony Creek.

If you choose to enter the **Thimble Islands** from Fl R 4s R "4A" head about 112°m to a spot just north of G C "5" at Inner Reef. From there, head northeast toward G C "1," located between High Island and Pot Island. Scoot up the main channel between the two lines of islands. Between Crib and



There's nothing like a peaceful sail through the Thimble Islands. © Embassy

Money islands you'll find a nice, and sometimes crowded, anchorage. To exit the islands, keep Davis Island to your south before heading to the southeast.

From the south

Whatever you do coming from the south, don't cut between Northwest, Browns, East and Wheaton reefs. Many boats get hung up there. Keep these reefs to your west and enter the chain just west of R N "2CR."

Stony Creek

As a group of islands, the Thimbles have no real port or harbor. The village of Stony Creek, about 0.5nm north of Governor Island, serves as the supply point and landing for all the Thimbles. You can tie up your dinghy or other small boat for four-hour stays at the town dock (203-488-8394). At low tide, there's less than 4 feet of water off the dock.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

Coast Guard: All stations monitor VHF 16

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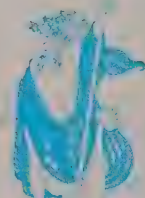
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Milford and oysters go hand in hand. The Gulf's shallow waters and the tidal flats of the Wepawaug River have been blessed by Mother Nature with an abundance of these bivalves. Native Americans consumed such quantities of the mollusks that a huge pile of shells gathered at the mouth of the river. English settlers followed suit, developing multiple methods for harvesting the succulent shellfish. More recently, fishermen have tried specialized vessels, the most spectacular of which was Simon Lake's Explorer, a tiny submarine used for oystering.

While the bivalves remain important, residents have focused their attention onshore. In spring 1996, Milford Landing opened, filling the need for more slips in this in-

demand port. The new marina's vintage brick buildings, slate patios, and rose garden complement the well-appointed, traditional, weathered-wood style buildings at the other marinas. Together, this family of waterfront architecture says, "Welcome to New England!"

What To See and Do

When in Milford, do as Milfordites do—go oystering. West of the bar leading to Charles Island are some of the state's only shellfishing beds that are entirely open to the public. You don't need a permit, and the restrictions are simple: use hand tools, respect private property, and keep your take to a half bushel per person each day. Shellfishing is prohibited at

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the following beaches: Silver, Gulf, Gulf Pond, Fort Trumbull, Cedar, and Calf Pen Creek. Call the Environmental Health Department (203-783-3287) for more information on where to take your rake.

Other than that, enjoy a walk around the pleasant streets, window-shop, or stop for ice cream. Milford boasts the sec-

ond-largest town green in all New England, second only to Boston Common.

Restaurants and Provisions

If you like fresh seafood, you've come to the right place. Try Stonebridge Restaurant (203-874-7947), next to its namesake

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bridge and a lovely waterfall. Armory Square Cafe (203-876-9988) will shuttle you via golf cart from your slip to their table and back again.

A good breakfast spot is Courtyard Place (203-877-2241), offering old standbys with a twist, like chocolate chip pancakes. Elfie's European Bakery (203-878-8393) sets you up with more calories than you can shake a cinnamon stick at.

Seven Seas (203-877-SEAS) is a popular place for pub fare, including their famous "bar burger," in a casual setting. Night owls flock to Archie Moore's (203-876-0588), where the kitchen's open every night 'til midnight. The popular spot is known all over the state for its Buffalo wings.

There's a 7-Eleven store and Harrison Hardware (203-878-2491), selling everything you could ever want or need and then some, within walking distance of the docks. For re-provisioning on a larger scale, take a cab out to Route 1.

Navigation and Anchorages From the east

Coming from the east, one of your first landmarks will be the huge sloping seawall on Morningside Point. From here, you'll see Pond Point and R N "12," just to its south. To its west is Welches Point and R N "2." Both points have a number of rocks just offshore, so don't cut between them and the nuns. Rounding R N "2," you'll enter The Gulf.

From the south or west

Be careful of the shoals to the east and south of Charles Island. Keeping Fl R 4sec BELL "16" and G C "1" to your west will take these hazards out of play.

CAUTION: *You may see local boaters cutting across The Bar to Charles Island, but we suggest you go around, rather than going aground.*

The Gulf

Between Charles Island and Welches Point, you'll find The Gulf with 10 to 16 feet (mlw). It's a fine anchorage except in a south or southeasterly blow. The water shallows gradually leading to the north shore, except in the channel. The bottom of The Gulf is hard sand, but it gets softer nearer shore. Be sure to watch for oyster stakes along both shores. The most desirable anchoring spot is north of Charles Island.

Milford Harbor

The channel leading into Milford's Wepawaug River begins at Fl R 4s R "4." It is about 100 feet wide and well marked with a controlling depth of 6.5 feet (8 feet at mid-channel). Heavy silting has reduced depths outside the channel to only about 1.5 feet in many cases.

NOTE: *The Wepawaug channel has been extended with Milford Landing's construction to 9 feet mlw past Wilcox Park (7 feet mlw at the very top), not indicated on chart.*

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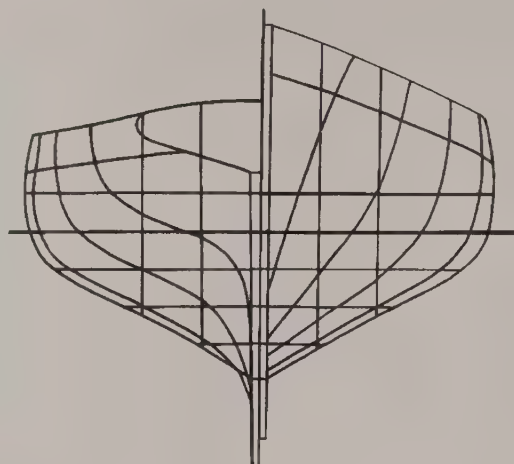
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Sailors entering the harbor against an ebb tide may have difficulty with the current. Strong southerlies push large waves into the channel, making it more difficult to enter. Once in the river, you'll find Port Milford Marina, Milford Boatworks, and Milford Landing on the western shore.

Gulf Pond

Gulf Pond empties into Milford Harbor just inside the eastern breakwater, marked by the Fl R 4s 27ft "10." When the tide changes, the rush of water forced under the bridge at the mouth of Gulf Pond is tremendous. If you're not careful, you may be pushed into Burns Point to the west.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

Coast Guard: All stations monitor VHF 16

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

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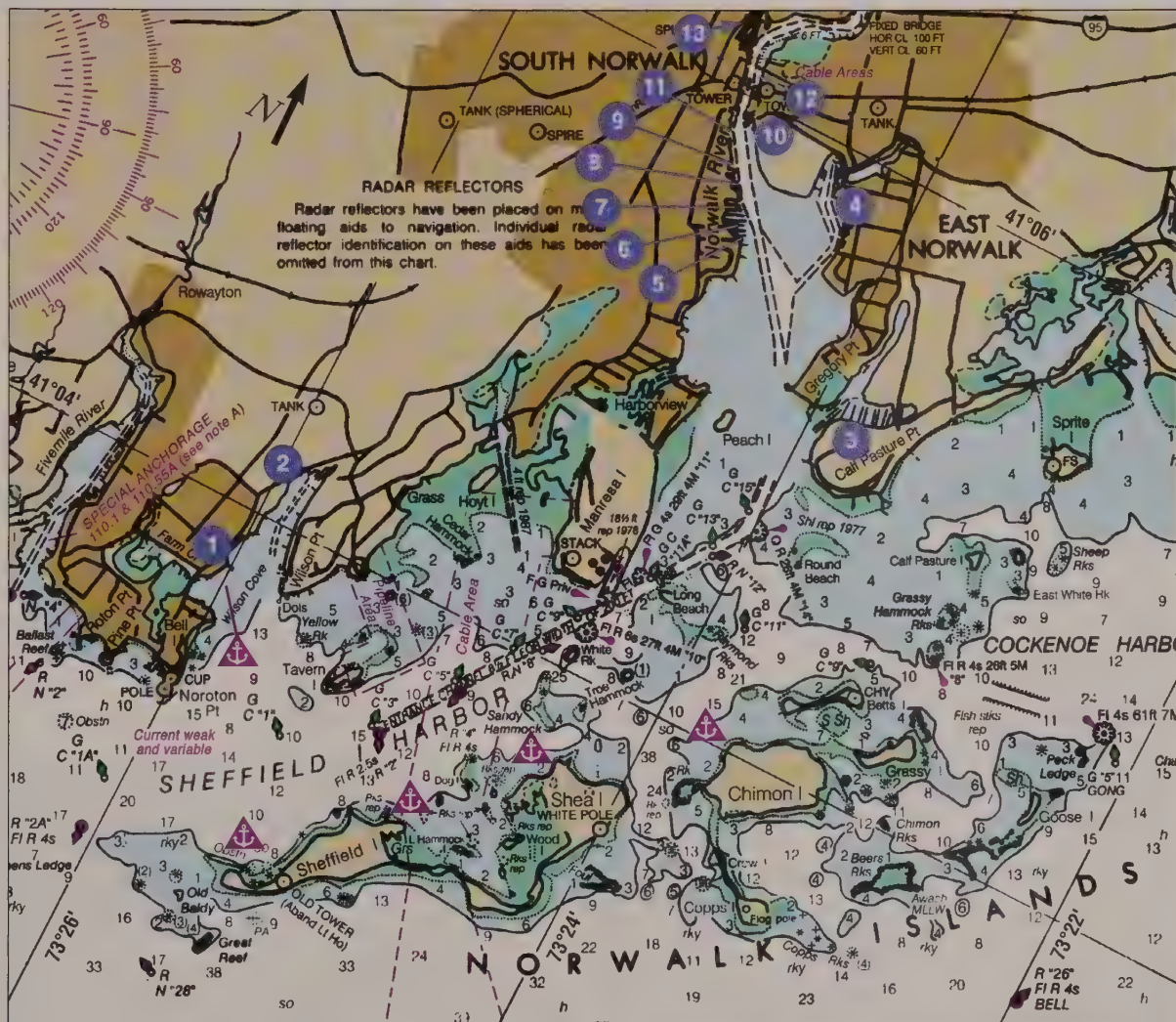
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Knots & Logs

Speed over the water is measured in knots, or nautical miles per hour. With today's LORANs and Global Positioning Systems (GPS), mariners can get instantaneous readings of their speed through the water and over the bottom, not to mention their exact position. It wasn't so easy a hundred years ago. Back then, you had to tie a log to the end of a rope, tie knots in it every few feet, heave the log overboard, and count the number of knots that slipped through your hands as you sailed away from the drifting log. In theory, this gave you an idea of your speed. Of course, wind, waves, and tidal currents could make such calculations quite suspect.

Since the only way to tell where you were on a sailing ship was by knowing where you started, and how long and how fast you had been traveling, knowing your speed was very important. So, every few hours some poor sailor would have to heave the *logline* over the side and someone else would write down these periodic measurements in a journal or *logbook*. And so began another nautical tradition of writing in the *log*.



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During the past decade, the part of town originally known as the “Old Well,” South Norwalk, began to look, well, a bit dried up. But the city did not wallow in an economic drought. Instead, SoNo’s waterfront has been experiencing a revitalization. The efforts included a massive clean-up and the construction of the Norwalk Visitor’s Dock along the shore of Veterans Park, just across the bridge from the Maritime Aquarium. The formerly rundown neighborhood is now a magnet for people, and it’s well worth a visit.

Don’t pass up exploring the Norwalk Islands. Most of the 16 islands are privately owned, but you’re welcome to visit city-owned Grassy and Shea islands, as well as the beach on the west side of Chimon Island. Go ashore at Sheffield Island for a tour of the lighthouse, and in the off-season, a hike through the wildlife refuge.



Maritime art now adorns the once-rundown South Norwalk area. © Embassy

What To See and Do

The Seaport Association sponsors Norwalk's biggest event of the year: the Norwalk Oyster Festival, held the first weekend after Labor Day. The festival features tall ships, continuous entertainment, arts and crafts, international food, boat-building competitions and, you guessed it, oysters. Call Coastal Fairfield County Convention & Visitors Bureau (800-866-7925) for a complete summer schedule.

At the Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk (203-852-0700), you'll find exhibits on boat-building and Connecticut history, lots of hands-on demonstrations, tanks containing ecosystems of Long Island Sound and the Atlantic, and aquariums filled with seals, sharks, otters and fish. Make sure you're around for the twice-daily feedings at the shark tank and seal colony.

The restored SoNo shopping district features everything from art galleries, fashion clothing stores, antique shops, bookstores and boutiques, to a wide variety of restaurants and delicatessens.

Restaurants and Provisions

Several of Norwalk's many restaurants are accessible by boat. You'll find Sunset Grille (203-866-4177) on the grounds of Norwalk Cove Marina, serving divine dishes of chicken and seafood. Just before the auto bridge, an ornamental light-house lures you to SoNo Seaport Seafood (203-854-9483), featuring dockside dining.

Across the street from Veterans Park is Sunrise Pizza Cafe (203-838-0166), for California-style designer pizza. In the same block are the basics—Italian at Abruzzi Kitchen (203-838-6776) and American at the Oceanview Cafe (203-854-0770)—breakfast and lunch only.

The heart of the "SoNo" redevelopment is on Washington Street, on the west side of the harbor. Right on the corner, hit Donovan's (203-838-3430) for tasty sandwiches in a pub atmosphere. Pasta Nostra (203-854-9700) offers sophisticated Italian, and just down the street is Amberjacks (203-853-4332), serving avant-garde seafood dishes. If you're craving suds accompanied by gourmet pleasers, head to the New England Brewing Company (203-866-1339).

Navigation and Anchorages

From the east

From the east, your approach to Norwalk Harbor is via the passage between Cockenoe Island and Peck Ledge Light Fl 4s 61ft 7M. It would be wise to keep R N "4" to your east to avoid the unmarked Channel Rock to its northeast. Avoiding the oyster stakes, head for a point just south of Fl R 4s 26ft 5M "8" at Grassy Hammock Rocks. From here, leave G C "9" and Betts Island to the south, and continue toward G C "11" marking Raymond Rocks. With G C "11" to your south, enter the main channel at Q R 26ft 4M "14" off Round Beach. Leave the tower to the east and head up the main channel.

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CAUTION: Avoid using the east approach in reduced visibility. Even when it's clear, assign a lookout. The aids can be hard to spot, and shallow spots are abundant.

From the south and west

Greens Ledge Light Al W R 24s 62ft 14M HORN marks the western end of the Norwalk Islands. Keep the light to your south and continue on a northeasterly course toward the main channel into Norwalk Harbor, which begins between Fl R 2.5s R "2" and G C "3." This passage into Sheffield Harbor is easy and is the only approach a newcomer should use if visibility is restricted or if you're arriving in at night.

CAUTION: Don't cut between Sheffield Island and the Greens Ledge Light at low tide. The ledge (rock, not sand) goes all the way from the island out to the light, but many boats do pass over the ledge close to the east side of the light. Fl R 4s R "2A" marks this ledge. If you pass to the west of it, you'll have at least 7 feet at mlu.

Charles Creek

Once in the main channel, enter Charles Creek channel to the east at G C "17." Although the harbor is wide, it is shallow except at the main dock in the channel.

East Norwalk Channel

About 0.5nm north of Charles Creek is the East Norwalk Channel (unnamed on the chart). Its entrance on the east side of Norwalk Harbor begins between Fl G 2.5s 29ft 4M "1" and R N "2." There are several small-boat facilities up the channel.

Main Channel

Continue up the main channel and you'll find a number of boating facilities. To the west is Rex & Norwalk Cove, one of the area's largest marine stores as well as a full-service marina. Also located nearby are Inflatable Boats, New England Fiberglass Repair, and Atlantic Detroit Diesel. Just before the Washington Street Bridge (vertical clearance: 8 feet mlu) is the Norwalk Visitors Dock, offering 350 feet of floating concrete docks for transient boats only.



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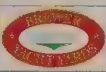


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The Thimble Islands and the Legacy of Captain Kidd

Pssst! Hey sailor, heard ya was lookin' for buried treasure? Let me tell ya matey, ya come to the right place. There's treasure in these here parts. Jewels, diamonds, gold ingots—ya name it, these here rocks in Long Island Sound have 'em. Tons of 'em.

You after them thar' jewels, now ain't ya? Ya can tell me. Sure ya are. Ain't a bloke who's sailed these waters that ain't thought of diggin' up ever' rock, lookin' for that elusive treasure. Har' Har' Har'. Ahh, Capt. Kidd, our hero—God rest his soul—has left us all somethin' to search fer, curin' those lonely nights.

Whoa! Ya mean ya ain't heard of Capt. Kidd? Sure ya have. No? Well pull up a stool, mate, and I'll spin ya a tale. Bartender. Bartender! Two pints 'o grog fer me and my new first mate. Make that two pints each, and keep 'em comin'—Har', Har', Har'. Drink up sailor, I'm tellin' a story here. Yer gonna like it too. This here's a tale of the most feared and well known pirate these here waters ever seen—Capt. William Kidd. That's right mate, Capt. Kidd was once in these waters, runnin' from the bloody Brits he was.

Ya see, Kidd was a Scotsman, workin' fer the Brits—just like 'em to turn their backs, don't ya know. Kidd was chosen to command one of them thar privateerin' boats, musta' been about 1695. He was sent out to the Indian Ocean to hunt down—ironically—a pirate who went by the name of Thomas Tew. Kidd sailed off in the *Adventure Galley*, he did, with a crew you and I'd be proud to be associated with—an unsavory lot. Har'Har', Har'.

Listen up. The Indian Ocean wasn't kind to our friend Capt. Kidd though. The blasted ship was leaky, cholera broke out, and his mates gone and turned mutinous. By his own free will—or under threats on his free will, har', har', har'—Kidd abandoned his privateerin'. Too borin' don't ya know. He did the only natural thing us here sailors would do—he turned to piracy.

Would ya believe it, though, Kidd couldn't find luck if it were water and he fell off a boat. Only a few ships could he capture, and only one—the *Quedagh Merchant*—were of any value. "Must be the blasted ship," he thought. So he picked the *Quedagh Merchant*, and off he went to the West Indies. When he arrived, stories of his piracy was swirlin' stronger than winds in a nor'easter. He was wanted by the bloody crown.

So Kidd and a handful of his unsavory mates made fer New York, where they dropped their Danforth in Oyster Bay, Long Island. He negotiated with the Earl of Bellmont through an old lawyer friend. Kidd was persuaded to come ashore—sorry old fool—in July 1699 in Boston. Arrested, he was, and shipped to London where he were treated to a less-than-fair trial. May of 1701 is a sad time fer us sailors—the day Kidd was found guilty on three counts of piracy and hanged. Bloody Brits!

Drink up, matey, the story ain't over yet. Har', Har', Har'. Bartender! 'Nother one for my first mate. Har', Har', Har'.

Though Kidd were in these waters but for short time, 'bout 50 years after his death, legends of buried treasures sprung up quicker than a hare after 10 cups of coffee. Hundreds of rocks, and islands in these here waters were supposedly the secret hidin' place for the Captain. 'Specially, the Thimble Islands.

Arrr, by 1800 local folklore was deep rooted in the fact Capt. Kidd were here. Circumstantial accounts, by yellow spined citizens claimin' to see a mysterious ship in High Island, gave fuel to the treasure-huntin' fire. Throw in active imaginations, some Thimble Island hotelkeepers who "found" gold coins layin' on their beaches, and a whole lotta grog—Har', Har', Har'—and ya got yerself a legend. In 1924, a chap by the name of Charles Burns, a New Haven fireman, found a gold ring here but didn't tell no one where he found it, blasted—Arrrr! Nothin' else has ever been found.

There ya go matey! A story that's sure to cure those lonely nights at sea. Stories of buried treasure hidden in these here waters, in these here islands. Arrr! Make a grown man cry, don't ya know.

Drink up, matey! Yer in the Thimbles now—Capt. Kidd country. Be careful sailin' 'round these blasted rocks, and always keep an eye peeled for treasure floatin' in these here waters. Har', Har', Har'.



Information from a *Brief History of the Thimble Islands* by Archibald Hanna, Archon Books, for the Branford Historical Society, 1971.

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Start with a panorama of windswept dunes. Add towering manmade wonders, mix in the awesome splendor of rocky cliffs, and finally, blend in sites where the course of history was changed. Such an eclectic recipe could yield only one place—New York. Since the early 1500s, when Giovanni Da Verrazano and his crew explored the uncharted coast of America, the shores of New York have provided awesome scenery, practical support for daily living, and resources for vital economic growth.

Da Verrazano sailed away never to return, but 85 years later another captain, this one English but sailing under the Dutch flag, came to New York. His name was Henry Hudson.

Hudson and his crew were the first to sample the native foods of the Algonkin Indians of the great river's valley, and the first to catch the huge sturgeon that filled its waters. He failed in his quest for a new route to China for his employer, the Dutch East India Company, but he claimed the fertile valley lands for the company. From the settlement of New Amsterdam, where Manhattan now glitters, to the heights of Fort Orange, now Albany, the Dutch left the legacy of their lifestyles.

1664, the Dutch willingly allowed the English commander James, Duke of York, to lay claim to New Amsterdam and its neighboring lands for his brother, King Charles II of England. He arrived with five ships and a contingent of troops, and promptly renamed New Amsterdam for himself: "New York." The settlers kept their lands, and the taxes they had been forced to pay to the Dutch East India Company were abolished.

Meanwhile, sandy, 96-mile-long Long Island held little interest for the first European captains or the settlers. It wasn't until the 1700s, when whaling and regular shipping commerce were established, that the villages of the eastern end of the island came to be. Later, the shoreline spots with a good view, cooling breezes, and a place for the family yacht were claimed by the Vanderbilts and families of like stature for convenient summer homes. Even today, with access by train, plane, and car, the port towns of Long Island remain unique in their proximity to the city yet isolation from urban pressures.

Cruising New York waters you'll find every type of port imaginable, from small fishing villages to high-style resort facilities. You'll also find every obstacle imaginable, from heavy commercial traffic and floating debris to strong currents and

lobster pots. The boating season generally runs from Memorial Day to Columbus Day. Pleasure-boat facilities are aplenty. Of course, many New York State harbors serve commercial interests, and dockage, repairs, and access to towns are virtually always nearby.

Long Island's Forks

The easternmost port of refuge along New York's Long Island is **Montauk Harbor**, 4nm west of Montauk Point on the north shore of the southern fork. All travelers visiting Montauk Harbor should aim for Mo(A) BELL R W "M," north of the harbor's entrance. (*Refer to the **Montauk Harbor Highlight** for more information.*)

Inside Long Island's forks is Gardiners Bay, a spacious waterway that's home to pleasure boats of the rich and not-so-rich. Also a base for many commercial fishermen, Gardiners Bay and the two Peconic Bays father west, are gunkhole-worthy. Don't worry about a place to stay—besides the numerous anchorages, transient facilities abound.

Many who have traveled the "Hamptons" find **East Hampton at Three Mile Harbor** to be the most beautiful. The village of East Hampton is about a mile from any marina in the harbor, but is worth the trip. Follow the buoys well south of Gardiners Island; shoaling extends from the island. When you round Hog Creek Point, head for Mo(A) BELL R W "TM" at the entrance to Three-Mile Harbor. (*Refer to the **Three-Mile Harbor Highlight** for more information.*)

Farther west in Gardiners Bay, **Sag Harbor** is one of the earliest federal shipping ports for both the West Indies and Europe. Once a bustling whaling port that rivaled Nantucket and New Bedford, the town only has two-thirds



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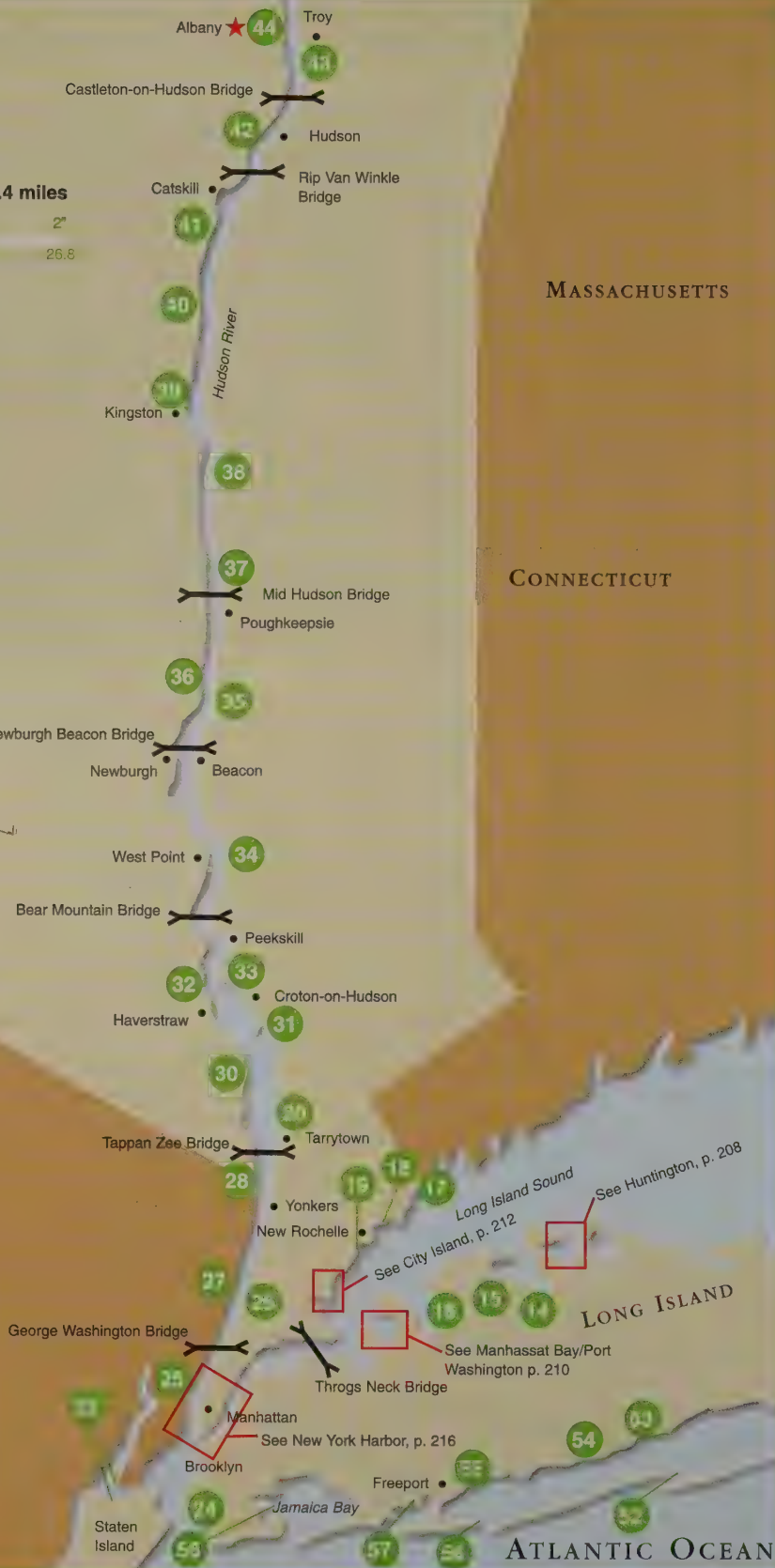


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the population it had in 1845. When approaching, try to stick to the deep, natural channel. After passing Mashomack Point, stay south of Fl R 4s 10ft "10A" at Sand Spit and then north of Fl G 4s G "11" before turning southwest to the Fl G 2.5s 12ft 4M "1SH" light at the western end of the breakwater protecting Sag Harbor. (*Refer to the Sag Harbor Highlight for more information.*)

North of Sag Harbor and North Haven Peninsula is **Shelter Island**, a well-protected island between Long Island's two forks. Each of the three harbors on Shelter Island has a different attraction, although all are fairly quiet. **West Neck Harbor**, a well-protected anchorage inside Shell Beach on the southwest side of the island, is a great place to spend a few days. Head for Fl R 4s R "2" at the northeast point of Shell Beach, and observe the few channel markers when entering and leaving this area—the depths near the red buoys are not very generous. **Cocles Harbor**, on the northeast side of the island, is another delightful stop for anchoring. The waters are clear and deep, although you may find the narrow entrance channel a bit daunting. Your approach begins at Fl G 4s G "1" east of the entrance. Once past the Fl R 4s 12ft light at the southern tip of Ram Island to the north and G C "5" off Sungic Point, turn to the southwest for the first anchorage. To reach the other anchorage, follow the markers west into the northwestern part of the harbor. Although the broad expanses of water are used by locals for water sports, the anchorages are pleasant and calm. **Dering Harbor**, on the northwest corner opposite Greenport, is perhaps the most developed harbor on the island. Several marinas offer dockage and moorings. The ferry to Greenport runs often and is a short walk from any marine facility in Dering Harbor.

Ever since the Yankee Clipper *Flying Cloud* set a world record in its passage from New York to San Francisco with a crew from **Greenport**, the town has been making maritime history. Enter the harbor west of the Fl R 4s 19ft "8A" light at the southern tip of the breakwater. (*Refer to the Greenport Harbor Highlight for more information on this town.*)

If you're continuing west of Shelter Island, travel between Jessup Neck and Great Hog Neck. Keep Fl G 4s G "17" to your south, but don't get too close to Cedar Beach Point. From there, you enter **Little Peconic Bay**, which leads to **Great Peconic Bay**—a waterway that offers miles of clear water for sailing or fishing. Keep in mind that all harbors in both bays are artificial so the depths can vary, especially after a storm. Although surrounded by land, the relatively shallow bays do experience quite a chop, especially in Great Peconic Bay. The perimeters are lined with shallow spots, so don't venture too close to shore.

When traveling from Little Peconic to Great Peconic Bay you'll take either the North or South Race, north and south of Robin Island, respectively. The South Race carries more water. If you take this southern route, keep Fl R 2.5s R "26" to the north before heading west toward **Flanders Bay** or



Gazebo: Latin for "I will gaze." This one sits pretty at Ram's Head Inn.
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southwest to the **Shinnecock Canal**. At the western end of Flanders Bay, the entrance to the city of Riverhead is marked by Fl G 4s G "9." Stay close to all the buoys in Flanders Bay. Riverhead has plenty of amenities and several transient facilities to choose from. Boats with a vertical clearance less than 22 feet can transit the Shinnecock Canal into Shinnecock Bay, which is described later.

The North Shore: Plum Gut to Manhasset Bay

Leaving the shelter of **Gardiners Bay** to continue on to Long Island Sound, plan carefully your transit through **Plum Gut**, the passage between Orient Point's Fl 5s HORN 64ft 17M light, locally known as "the Coffee Pot," and Plum Island's Fl 2.5s 50ft 5M light. This narrow channel is deep but is subject to tidal currents in excess of 5 knots. Wind opposing the current can create choppy seas, so it's best to time your travel with a fair current or at slack water. Approaching Plum Gut from Connecticut, steer for Fl R 4s BELL R "2PG," just west of Plum Island. From there, head through Plum Gut and into Gardiners Bay.

Another part of New York lies to the east-northeast—**Fishers Island** where you'll find Pirate's Cove and Fishers Island Marina. From Fl R 4s BELL R "2 PG" head toward Mo(A) WHISTLE R W "PI." From there, take a more easterly

course toward the island, a little more than 8nm away. For information on cruising around this island, refer to the beginning of the Connecticut State text.

Traveling west along the north shore of Long Island, it takes a while before you reach anything of consequence. About 11.4nm away you'll pass the Horton Point Fl G 10s 103ft 14M light on Horton Neck. Continue west-southwest past Horton Point Light and you'll find the only good sheltered port between Greenport Harbor and Port Jefferson—**Mattituck Inlet**. The inlet's western breakwater is marked by Fl 4s 26ft 6M "MI," just south of GONG G "3A." The channel is narrow at low tide and turns sharply to the east soon after entering. The federal anchorage, located at the head of the inlet, is a peaceful place for transient vessels to drop a hook.

Port Jefferson is the first major harbor you come to as you work your way west, another 24nm from Mattituck Inlet. From just outside Mattituck Inlet's breakwaters, bear approximately 280nm toward Mo(A) WHISTLE R W "PJ" northwest of the Port Jefferson entrance. Along the way, keep G C "5" at Roanoke Point Shoal, G C "7" at Herod Point Shoal, G C "9," and G C "11" at Mount Misery Shoal to your south. You can actually cut G C "11" south of Mount Misery Shoal and head toward the Port Jefferson entrance between Fl G 2.5s G "1" and Fl R 2.5s BELL R "2." Along with the numerous shops and eateries, the town is full of turn-of-the-century architecture, and the streets are alive with people enjoying its nautical atmosphere. The town has a full schedule of special events, so call the Port Jefferson Chamber of Commerce (516-473-1414). There is a nice anchorage just inside the entrance to the east. Be sure to round Fl G 4s BELL G "5" to the south before heading east to the anchorage, and watch your depth-sounder. The channel is wide and deep down to the town of Port Jefferson.

Just west of Port Jefferson, after you round **Crane Neck Point**, you'll enter **Smithtown Bay**, a wide open body of water that offers little protection for anchoring. At the bay's southeastern corner, you'll find **Stony Brook Harbor** and the town of **Stony Brook**, a picturesque backdrop for boaters. Stony Brook's claim to fame is the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Its contemporary medical school can be seen for miles around. The Museums at Stony Brook (516-751-0066) include the History Museum, the Carriage Museum, and four historic buildings just off Main Street. Stony Brook Harbor can be a nasty navigational problem. Shoaling can be terrible, exacerbated by vigorous currents, and even finding the harbor can be difficult. From Fl G 4s G "1," steer east to the first of five privately-maintained lighted buoys before turning southeast into the harbor. At mlw, the depth at the entrance is about 3 feet, and a fresh nor'wester can wipe most of that out. The tidal range is around 6 feet so enter or leave within three hours on either side of mhw.

Rounding Eatons Neck Fl 144ft 18M HORN on the western end of Smithtown Bay, you'll enter the next major port-of-call—**Huntington Bay**. When entering the bay from the

east, stay close to G C "13" north of Eatons Neck Point—shallow water extends to the south from Eatons Neck. Just inside Eatons Neck Point, the protected waters of **Eatons Neck Basin** (sometimes called Eatons Neck Cove), east of Fl G 2.5s G "1," provide for a quiet overnight anchorage unless a thick fog rolls in—the signal from the lighthouse can be alarming. From Eatons Neck, head for Fl R 4s BELL R "8," east of East Fort Point on Lloyd Neck. Continue south to enter Northport Bay to the southeast or Lloyd and Huntington harbors to the southwest.

Northport Bay can be entered at the southeast corner of Huntington Harbor. The Northport Museum has interesting exhibits on the history of the area and its shipbuilding industry. If you're moored on the Northport side of the harbor, take a short cab ride to the Vanderbilt Museum on the peninsula known as Little Neck. Once the home of William K. Vanderbilt II, it now houses a museum and planetarium that reflect his interest in maritime research and science. Northport Bay and Northport Harbor are wide and easily navigable. Enter the bay between Fl G 4s G "1" and R N "2," south of West Beach. Follow the markers east, past Little Neck Point and south to Northport Harbor and its transient facilities.

Anchoring possibilities abound in the Northport area, but you'll usually find lots of company. The area south of Asharoken Beach is another good spot, as is **Duck Harbor** for shallow-draft boats. On the southwestern side of Huntington Bay, opposite Northport Bay, you'll find Lloyd and Huntington harbors. Lloyd Harbor is a highly rated anchorage, except in easterly winds. Enter the harbor north of Huntington Harbor Iso 6s 42ft 9M HORN light and stay between G C "3" and R N "4" to avoid the reefs. There's a good anchorage along the southern shore of West Neck.

Enter Huntington Harbor to the south, east of the Huntington Harbor light. (Refer to **Huntington Harbor Highlight** for more information.)

On the western side of Lloyd Neck, **Oyster Bay** is the last town on Long Island that still has the feel of a suburb, as opposed to the city atmosphere of the towns farther west. Shops abound in town, and there are occasional festivals and street fairs that attract boaters to the area. Call the Oyster Bay Chamber of Commerce for details. Sagamore Hill, once the summer White House and home of Theodore Roosevelt, and Raynham Hall are especially interesting local landmarks.

When rounding Lloyd Point, keep R N "4" and R N "2" to your south—numerous hazards dot the area. Aim for Fl G 4s GONG G "15," due north of Lloyd Point, before turning southwest into Oyster Bay. In Oyster Bay, keep GONG G "1" off Whitewood Point to your east. The Cold Spring Harbor Fl W 37ft 9M light can be passed to either side. From here, Cold Spring Harbor sits directly to the south. Oyster Bay Harbor can be entered to the west, south of Plum Point. Numerous buoys outline several channels to the village and a handful of transient marinas. Take the channel west and

you'll enter **West Harbor**, an ideal place to drop anchor and dinghy ashore. Private channel markings lead you in here. These will keep you off the rocks that extend from Brickyard Point.

Hempstead Harbor, west of Oyster Bay, was home to the great yachts of J. Pierpont Morgan in the 19th century. You can still see signs of a bygone era, although the harbor has plenty of 20th-century commercialism to tarnish the nostalgia. The harbor itself offers excellent anchorages with good holding ground and protection from the prevailing southerlies. In the fall, though, be cautious of the wind shifts.

In the harbor's eastern town of **Glen Cove**, Garvies Point Museum and Preserve is devoted to preserving the story of the Long Island Indians, as well as the area's geology. Rocky beach, rugged cliffs and sedimentary soil sculpted by the great glaciers are all explained in the exhibits and trails at this facility.

The Webb Institute of Naval Architecture is also in Glen Cove, and next door is the 200-acre Welwyn Preserve that offers some beautiful hiking trails. On the south side of Glen Cove Creek is the village of **Sea Cliff**, established as a Methodist camp meeting site in the 19th century. Many of the gingerbread cottages that replaced the original tents are well-maintained today, and are interspersed with antique shops. In Mosquito Cove, lying between Glen Cove and Sea Cliff, there are several facilities, including transient-friendly Brewer Yacht Yard at Glen Cove.

From the Oyster Bay area, continue west, keeping Fl G 4s GONG G "21" at Matinicock Point to the south—rocks extend from the point. From GONG "21" head southwest to enter Hempstead Harbor west of Fl G 4s 24ft 4M "5" at the end of the breakwater. Glen Cove is on the harbor's eastern shore, about 0.6nm south of the breakwaters. Enter the cove between G C "1" and R N "2." You'll find a good anchorage just south of the breakwater, and south of the entrance to Glen Cove.

Manhasset Bay, on the western side of Manhasset Neck, is home to more yacht clubs than any other port on Long Island Sound. There are a number of navigational aids to guide you around Manhasset Neck and into the bay. Be sure to keep R N "2" at Old Hen off Prospect Point to your south and head for Fl R 4s GONG R "44A" north of Sands Point, south of Execution Rocks. From there, head southwest, keeping the Gangway Rock Fl G 6s 40ft 6M "27A" light to the east before turning south, then east into the bay. (*Refer to the Manhasset Bay and Port Washington Harbor Highlight for more information.*)

From Manhasset Bay, the East River leading into New York City begins to the southwest. This region is described later in this chapter.

Long Island Sound North Shore: Port Chester to the East River

The shoreline area of New York from its boundary with Connecticut to the Throgs Neck Bridge is part of the highly



Your journey along the north shore of Long Island is filled with small anchorages, like this one in Mount Misery Cove (or "Pirates Cove") on the east side of Port Jefferson Harbor. © Embassy

developed Westchester County. While you'll find the best resources here in the way of provisions, services, transportation and communication, little of the region's rich history remains near the waterfront. But these ports are a perfect berth from which to travel to New York City for some sightseeing.

Port Chester Harbor, just 1.7nm west of Greenwich Harbor, is at the mouth of the Byram River, the natural boundary between New York and Connecticut. The river supposedly got its name from the days of Prohibition, when smugglers frequented its shores; it was a good place to "buy rum." Today, large homes line the river's banks, both in New York and Connecticut. The Byram River is a busy commercial waterway, but farther north affords pleasant scenery if you have some time to take your dinghy. The town of **Port Chester** offers all the urban amenities you could want, and lots of interesting ethnic delis, seafood and pizza restaurants.

The safest course to Port Chester Harbor is south of R N "2" near Great Captain Rocks, east-southeast of the river's entrance. Local captains enter between Great Captain Rocks and the unmarked Channel Rock to the north, but this is tricky if winds and current are running strong. Keeping R N "2" to the north, head for the Fl R 2.5s 28ft 5M "4" light at the eastern breakwater at the mouth of the river. You'll have fair water to the main channel. Several charted but unmarked rocks and wrecks are in the approach to Port Chester Harbor. It is best to enter Port Chester on a rising tide.

Rounding Peningo Neck to the west, more than 1,700 vessels call **Mamaroneck** home. Mamaroneck Harbor itself is well protected and divides into two channels. The busy town of Mamaroneck is a few steps away from water's edge, and restaurants suit everyone's palate and purse. **Mamaroneck Harbor** is about 4nm southwest of Port Chester Harbor. The buoys for Rye and Milton Harbors (where there's little room for transients) are nearby, so note your approach carefully as you will be leaving several green buoys to starboard. For Mamaroneck Harbor, pick up Fl R 2.5s BELL R "42," due south of Peningo Neck's southern point. Head northwest past Fl (2+1) R 6s R G "MM" marking Ship Rock to Fl G 4s G "5" (locally known as the 42nd Street Buoy) at Outer Steamboat Rock and the beginning to the main channel. Marinas for

transients are found in both the West and East basins. The channel into the West Basin is unmarked but straight. Brewer's Post Road Boatyard is a full-service yard with a few transient slips and a well-stocked retail store.

One of the most important yacht racing centers on the Atlantic Coast is **Larchmont Harbor**, just to the southwest. This small cove becomes the focus of hundreds of competing yachts during Larchmont Race Week in July. On any summer day, the waters may be fluttering with colorful spinners and white sails competing in the many regattas. Larchmont Harbor abounds with rocks and shoals. The preferred approach to the east of Hen and Chickens Ledge is made between the breakwater's Fl R 4s 19ft 5M "2" light and G C "3" marking Dauntless Rock to the west. While the harbor itself is crowded, guest moorings may be available at Larchmont Yacht Club for smaller yachts. Larger vessels can find anchoring space just south of the mooring field in the southern part of the harbor, north of Umbrella Rock.

History buffs will enjoy a stop at **New Rochelle Harbor**, home to Thomas Paine, Revolutionary War-era author of *Common Sense*. The Huguenot/Thomas Paine Historical Association maintains the Paine Monument and the Paine Cottage. The town of **New Rochelle** has supermarkets, delis and eateries of all kinds. Downtown there's an enormous shopping mall; its location 10 miles from New York City makes a Metro North train ride to see the sights a convenient diversion.

Many islands lie off New Rochelle. These have seen uses as military sites, amusement parks and secluded living for the wealthy. **Glen Island** was the home of a famous 19th century amusement resort, replete with a zoo, aviary, aquarium and a replica of a German castle.

New Rochelle Harbor and **Echo Bay** are filled with rocks and obstructions. **Echo Bay** begins between Fl G 4s G "3BR" and R N "4." Look for the gold-domed clock tower of the New Rochelle Rowing Club on Beaufort Point and the long red clubhouse of the Echo Bay Yacht Club on Echo Island as landmarks. A municipal marina is located in Echo Bay. To enter New Rochelle Harbor, the best approach is

between Fl G 4s G "5" and R N "4" north of Davids Island. Follow the marked channel to the west, avoiding Spindle Rock in the middle of the area between the Davenport Neck and Davids Island. Bear toward G C "9" then follow the buoyed channel into the harbor. From the south, approach between G C "9" at Corning Rock and Davids Island. Head north toward Q R "14" and the harbor's entrance.

The biggest surprise of a cruise in New York is **City Island**—a yachting center in the very center of the metropolitan area. (Refer to the *City Island Harbor Highlight* for more information.)

When navigating the water west of City Island toward **Eastchester Bay**, the most notorious features to watch for are "Big Tom," a rock that bares itself at low water, and Cuban Ledge.

Throgs Neck is where prudent captains can spend some time while waiting for fair currents through the infamous Hell Gate to New York City. Here is where Long Island Sound technically ends and the East River begins—at the breathtaking 138-foot-high Throgs Neck Bridge. While the area doesn't offer too many attractions accessible by boat, there are plenty of landmarks to view.

Coming from Eastchester Bay, a popular anchorage is located in the enclosed "bay" formed by the north span of the bridge as it crosses between Locust Point and the north side of Throgs Neck. Although somewhat open to winds from the east, it is well protected from the prevailing southwesterlies, and offers some relief from the heavy traffic in the area, too. The center span of this section of the bridge has a vertical clearance of 60 feet. Be aware of the uncharted wreck located less than 100 yards inside the bridge near the north shore of Throgs Neck.

Another fine anchorage is **Little Bay**, across the river from Throgs Neck, west of Willets Point. The western side of the bay is a good location to drop a hook, but stay clear of the approach ramp for the bridge. **Little Neck Bay**, just east of Willets Point, also offers excellent anchorages. The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point is on the eastern shore of this bay and the prominent granite walls on its



Head east into the water northeast of the Throgs Neck Bridge, the beginning of Long Island Sound. © Embassy

western shore belong to the former Fort Totten, which now houses the Fort Totten Coast Guard station.

The East River and New York Harbor

The **East River**, 14nm long, connects Long Island Sound with the Upper Bay of New York Harbor at the Battery. The river (it's actually a tidal strait) has strong currents that can cause choppy conditions when influenced by heavy winds. The effect is heightened because the river currents run opposite the currents in the Sound: the East River current sets eastward at flood and westward at ebb, while Long Island Sound currents set westward at flood and eastward at ebb. The chaotic mix of waters is most evident at Hell Gate, where the East River meets the Harlem River. Here the tide can swirl itself into two-foot-high waves, with crosscurrents and whirlpools ready to set a small craft spinning.

Navigation of the East River must be carefully planned with a current chart. If you are navigating from Long Island Sound westward, time your arrival at Hell Gate near the end of the Long Island Sound flood (slack current). This gives you time to arrive at the Battery before the flood of the river begins. When traveling eastward, it is best to plan your passage through Hell Gate on the river's flood current, catching the eastward ebb of the Sound.

All of this planning is because of the infamous **Hell Gate**. While the currents at both ends of the East River are fairly weak, Hell Gate reaches 4 to 5 knots. Combine that with winds, heavy traffic and fluctuating depths, and navigating through here at the wrong time can be difficult. Consult your current tables for daily predictions for Hell Gate, and follow a few simple rules:

1. Go with the current and avoid maximum flood or ebb currents.
2. Use proper charts and keep track of your position.
3. Monitor VHF 13; commercial vessels will be making their passing agreements and position announcements as prescribed by law.
4. Wear lifejackets while on the river. Getting a person back aboard may take longer than in open water due to the traffic and currents.
5. Generally, navigate as close to the center of the channel as possible, but always be on the lookout for large vessels—they won't move.

Clearance is not a problem at any of the eight bridges crossing the river, with the possible exception of the 36th Street Vertical Lift Bridge (clearance: 40 feet, with six hours advance notice to raise it). Avoid any delays by simply passing down the western side of Roosevelt Island. The famous Brooklyn Bridge is the last bridge as you approach the Battery. (*Refer to the New York Harbor Highlight for more information on the city and navigating the East River*)

The **Upper Bay** of New York Harbor actually leads into the Hudson River in the shadow of Manhattan (see text later in this

chapter). This busy junction also is perhaps the most awesome in its sights. On one side you have the towers of the World Trade Center and the other skyscrapers of the city, on the other a unique perspective of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Don't get too carried away with the sights, however, as this waterway is filled with ferries, tugs, barges and other vessels of such size that they demand your full attention.

Heading south through Upper Bay, the channel is wide and deep with numerous lighted buoys. In fact, there are so many lighted buoys it can get a bit confusing, especially at night. Always be sure of where you are. South of Governors Island, at about Fl R 2.5s BELL R "26," you'll see the entrance to Kill Van Kull to the west, a waterway that makes Staten Island an island. Kill Van Kull can be entered south of Fl (2+1) R 6s BELL R G "KV," south of Robbins Reef. The river, or strait really, is well marked and empties into Raritan Bay south of Staten Island. Though it is occupied mainly by commercial vessels, a handful of marinas there cater to transients.

If you choose to continue south from Upper Bay, along the eastern shore of Staten Island, you travel through **The Narrows**, the area between Fort Wadsworth on Staten Island and Fort Hamilton in New York. Once under the Verrazano-Narrows Suspension Bridge (clearance: 217 feet), you have three options: head for Lower Bay and Raritan Bay to the southwest, head out to sea to the south, or swing into Jamaica Bay to the east.

To head toward **Lower Bay** and **Raritan Bay**, head south, keeping West Bank to the west. At the beginning of the **Chapel Hill North Channel** Fl G 4s BELL G "17" you can begin to head southwest toward Old Orchard Shoal Fl 6s 51ft 5M light. From there, head west-northwest toward Great Kills Fl 4s 35ft 6M light and Great Kills Harbor, or continue heading southwest into Raritan Bay. Pick up the Raritan Bay West Reach and follow that well-marked channel to the west.

If you want to head out to sea, or toward Sandy Hook Bay, you have two choices. One is to take the **Ambrose Channel**, starting between Fl G 4s G "19" and Fl R 4s BELL R "20," west of Coney Island. Or you can take the Chapel Hill North Channel to R G N "CH" where you can pick up the **Wash Channel** to go out to sea. This channel is not as well marked as Ambrose. Be sure to keep Romer Shoal to your north. The Wash Channel will lead you to the Sandy Hook Channel where you can head south along the New Jersey coast. Continue south in Chapel Hill North Channel to head into **Sandy Hook**, home to some transient facilities.

Your other option is to stay in New York and head to the deep waters of Jamaica Bay to the east. South of the Narrows, head east, rounding the Coney Island Fl R 5s 16M light on Norton Point. Enter the Rockaway Inlet, north of Breezy Point for access into **Jamaica Bay**. You will find the bay busy with local boats, but few cruising vessels. There are few transient facilities.

The Hudson River: The Battery to the Troy Locks

The Hudson River begins high in the Adirondack Mountains in Northern New York, and flows almost 275 miles to the Battery at the southernmost tip of Manhattan. Navigating the Hudson is less daunting than you might imagine—just keep a lookout for floating debris especially after high tides and heavy rains, and watch for fish traps, particularly in the spring.

Most facilities for coastal cruisers in the Manhattan area are on the western shore in New Jersey. Directly across from the aircraft carrier *Intrepid*, you'll see the marinas on the New Jersey shoreline.

Proceeding north on the Hudson River, the heights of the Palisades on the western shore will begin to compete with the majesty of the George Washington Bridge (the current at the bridge can be strong). The rock cliffs range between 200 and 540 feet high, and run about 15 miles north to just below the Tappan Zee Bridge. Be sure to have your camera ready when passing Englewood Creek. This stream ends in a surprise tumble down the rocky side of the Palisades—an unexpected view in the middle of urban America!

Spuyten Duyvil Creek on the eastern shore leads to the **Harlem River** and ultimately to the East River. Continuing north on the Hudson, you'll see densely populated **Yonkers** spreading over the eastern shoreline, but marine facilities are limited.

Upriver, the village of **Hastings-on-Hudson** offers more for transient boaters with shops, markets and restaurants within walking distance, albeit a long walk. Here, the urban sprawl begins to lessen and more historical sites remain in place. The first landmark is the picturesque old castle, now a private school, perched atop the mountain overlooking the river.

On the west side of the river, the village of **Piermont** is nestled at the base of the steep hillside with marinas and restaurants on its shores. From here, you can explore picturesque Sparkhill Creek by dinghy. When approaching Piermont, be sure to stay in the channel on the north side of the long pier. The south side of the pier has many submerged obstructions remaining from the old ferry dock and other pilings. Watch your depths on both sides of the pier, though, as this is not a deep area of the river.

From Piermont, the Hudson widens to more than 2nm for a distance of more than 12nm. Henry Hudson's men first named this "Zuyder Zee" thinking the width of this body of water resembled their own small sea. Today, it is called Tappan Zee ("tappan" is an Indian word for "cold spring"; "zee" is Dutch for "sea"), and is crossed by one of the longest bridges in the United States, boasting a length of almost three miles. Few vessels have to be concerned about vertical clearances, though, as the center span has a height of 139 feet, and the east and west spans are at 123 feet.

Tarrytown, on the east shore, provides the first developed waterfront area above the Tappan Zee Bridge. This is the region of magical hills and valleys that inspired

Washington Irving to write *Rip Van Winkle* and *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. Irving's grave is in the Old Dutch Church burial ground on the way to **North Tarrytown**, which you can reach by car. Within sight of the Old Dutch Church is the site of the second of the Sleepy Hollow Restorations, Philipsburg Manor, Upper Mills. Navigating into Tarrytown is easy. Barges are anchored off Tarrytown as protection from the surges of river traffic, and two well-marked channels can accommodate boats with up to a 6-foot draft. The southern channel begins at the eastern span of the Tappan Zee Bridge at G C "1" and R N "2," and is marked by a lighted set of range marks. The northern channel starts at Fl R 4s R "8."

Cruising north of Tarrytown, the majestic heights of the west bank come right to the water's edge. On the east shore, you'll pass the infamous Sing-Sing Prison, marked by its two water towers. As you follow the river northward, the main channel is well marked.

Haverstraw Bay is the name given the 15nm of Hudson River extending north of Croton Point to Stony Point. The river is at its widest here, stretching to a 3-mile width. The main channel in the bay favors the western shore, while depths of 6 to 9 feet over a soft mud bottom are to the east. Most of the marinas are on the western shore, below and above Grassy Point.

Stony Point, the high rocky headland that towers over the river at the top of the bay, was a strategic spot during the Revolutionary War. General "Mad Anthony" Wayne fought a major battle from this location. The Palisades Interstate Parks Commission maintains the Stony Point Battlefield Museum that commemorates this 1779 event where a reenactment is staged each year. In the park, the Stony Point Lighthouse, the oldest lighthouse on the Hudson River, can be visited during park hours. To navigate Stony Point Bay, stay between the privately maintained poles until near the shore and deeper water.

As the river narrows in the area known as the Hudson Highlands, we see yet another side of the Hudson River, a more intimate and peaceful side. This begins at the 1,000-foot Dunderberg Mountain, the legendary home of a troublesome Dutch goblin who is responsible for the fierce summer storms that sometimes thunder around the river valley. Just before **Peekskill** on the east shore, the Indian Point Atomic Power Plant is a prominent landmark. Take extra caution as you approach the sharp turns in the river here, especially Jones Point at the base of Dunderberg Mountain on the west shore. Services can be obtained at **Peekskill Bay** by following the U-shaped channel to the marinas. The bay is shallow, so stay within the channel.

After rounding Jones Point, Bear Mountain State Park lines the shores, with its centerpiece, the 1,305-foot-high Bear Mountain. Wharves are available at Day Line Park for transient vessels to tie up, but space is limited. Anchoring for park visitors is allowed between the Day Line excursion boat dock and Iona Island.

Traveling north you'll be in a narrow section of the river known as "The Race," for its swift current. As you pass under the 155-foot-high Bear Mountain Bridge, the river turns to the east, and its wooded west shore is the beginning of the West Point Military Reservation. The view of the United States Military Academy at **West Point** (914-938-4011) is probably the most spectacular you'll see on the river. You can appreciate the strategic location of the facility, built in 1802 on the spot known as the Gibraltar of America, as you make your way along the river. The Academy's grounds are filled with monuments, and the museum has extensive collections of military interest. The West Point Yacht Club may have dockage or mooring space available. This spot is exposed to river traffic, though, and is a bit bouncy. Several marinas south of the Academy are a long walk, or short ride, away.



The Shinnecock Canal from the Great Peconic Bay is in the foreground, and Shinnecock Bay and the Atlantic Ocean are afar. © Embassy

Traveling north from Cold Spring, you'll see a medieval-style castle dominating **Pollepel Island** (or Bannerman's Island as it's locally known) off the east shore. From Cornwall to Chelsea, the river is known as Newburgh Bay, and widens to about 1.5nm across. Newburgh and Beacon flank the river just before the bridge. Marine facilities can be found on both shores along Newburgh Bay, although the southern end of Newburgh's shoreline is mostly commercial. Connected by the twin spans of the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge, the cities of Newburgh on the west and Beacon on the east flank the river. General George Washington made his headquarters in **Newburgh** at the Jonathan Hasbrouck home. Newburgh was actually a whaling port in the early 1800s, and many of the Hudson steam vessels were built at the Marvell Shipyard here. **Beacon** got its name for the signal fires on its promontory, which warned Revolutionary soldiers of the advance of British troops.

Poughkeepsie has been called the "Queen City" of the Hudson. Here also begins a 16-mile stretch filled with the former (and present) estates of the rich and famous, as well as many elite colleges and private schools. Your sightseeing itinerary in this area can include Springwood, the home of Franklin D. Roosevelt, and nearby Val-Kill, the retreat of Eleanor Roosevelt that later became her permanent home. A stop at any number of shore facilities on the east shore just north of Poughkeepsie itself will give you easy access to these sites, either by taxi, rental car, or even on foot in many cases.

Kingston was the first capital of New York State, the site where the state constitution was drafted and ratified, and where the New York Senate first convened in 1777. Although the fortification is long gone, the historic district called the Stockade still has a few old stone houses remaining. The waterfront has been largely restored, and the centerpiece of it is the Hudson River Maritime Museum. A floating dock

with utilities is available for museum members to tie up to, even overnight.

Kingston lines the northern banks of **Rondout Creek**, a tributary that empties into the Hudson at a large, natural harbor. The entrance to the tributary is well marked by the Fl G 4s 25ft 3M G "1" to port and the Fl R 6s 52ft light to starboard. A fixed bridge with a 56-foot clearance crosses the creek about one mile from its entrance. The creek has a controlling depth of about 13 feet to Eddyville and gets somewhat shallower from there on. Several small craft facilities offer transient services along the creek, and you will find this to be a pleasant, quiet area in which to spend some time. Anchoring is permitted outside of the channel.

Beyond Kingston, the west shore of the Hudson gives you a taste of the lovely Catskill Mountains, which have attracted explorers, settlers, artists and vacationers for years. As you continue to this region of the river, "The Flats," a large area of shoals, begins to form in the middle of the river and continues northward. Although the river runs deep on either side of The Flats, the channel to the west is usually favored, except around Cruger Island, where the east shore offers better passage. **Esopus Creek** enters the Hudson at the west shore just above Q G "39." On one of the two dikes protecting the entrance, the restored Saugerties Lighthouse stands. Esopus Creek is a quiet place to stop, mostly to relax. The town of **Saugerties** is a short walk from the few marinas on the creek and is filled with old homes and churches.

About 1nm before the Rip Van Winkle Bridge (vertical clearance: 146 feet) and 9nm north of Esopus Creek, you'll come to **Catskill Creek**, which leads to the quaint town of **Catskill**. This is an excellent area to stop and enjoy the peaceful and picturesque setting of the region. Entrance to the creek on the west shore is at Q G "119," and the marina is only 0.7nm away.

The first urban area you'll come to on the river is **Albany**, where you'll find no shortage of things to do. Be sure to in-

clude a visit to the Empire State Plaza, the hub of both state government and the city itself. Albany is located just after the Dunn Memorial Bridge, which is a fixed bridge with a clearance of 60 feet.

Just upriver, **Troy's** Urban Cultural Park also offers self-guided and guided walking tours. Nearby Saratoga Springs has remained a summer center for the "Sport of Kings." If the horses are not racing during your visit, its National Museum of Racing & Thoroughbred Hall of Fame offers decades of history and memorabilia related to the sport.

Long Island's South Shore: Shinnecock Bay to Coney Island

Protected by barrier beaches, the bays along the South Shore of Long Island are generally shallow. Take advantage of local knowledge whenever possible. While following the Inland Waterway and the State Boat Channel, remember that the buoys are set with Inland Waterway markings, so if you are traveling west, the red buoys will be to port. The red-right-returning rule will apply as usual when entering inlets or harbors. Your best bet—always keep your charts handy.

Southampton was settled in 1640 by a group of disgruntled pilgrims from Lynn, Massachusetts. Today, posh shops cater to the inhabitants of grand mansions. The primary yacht harbor for Southampton is actually on the Great Peconic Bay side, but many choose to reach the town by way of **Shinnecock Bay**, known for its sportfishing.

Access Shinnecock Bay via **Shinnecock Inlet**, the first inlet from the Atlantic to the inside route on Long Island's South Shore. The inlet shoals each time a strong storm blows through and is subject to extreme tidal currents. It is imperative to have local knowledge if you choose to use it. Head for Mo(A) WHISTLE RW "SH" about 1.3nm south of the inlet. From here, steer north between the inlet's east and west breakwaters, marked by Fl 2.5s 21ft light and Fl G 2.5s 36ft light, respectively. Another good landmark is Shinnecock Light Fl R(2) 15s 75ft 21M. On the western side of the inlet, you'll also see a Fl 2.5s 14ft 3M light. After clearing the point, head west and pick up the channel buoys at Fl R 4s R "8." At Fl G 4s G "21" bear northeast toward Southampton. There are several marinas on the bay that will provide services and transient dockage.

Along the north shore of **Moriches Bay** to the west, boaters will find many creeks, coves and inlets to explore by dinghy or shallow-draft boat. Heading to **Moriches Bay**, which offers the best transient facilities in the area, pick up the Quogue Canal at the western end of Shinnecock Bay. Continue through the Quantuck Canal at the southwest corner of Quantuck Bay, and follow the channel markings. There are several bascule bridges that open on demand.

If traveling the outside route, **Moriches Inlet** is located 44nm from Montauk, south of the shoals that protect **Tuthill Cove**. Every year, storms change the entrance channels, so

they are unbuoyed and very risky to navigate. If you must use this inlet for passage, you should put in a call to the East Moriches Coast Guard Station (516-395-4400) for an update on conditions.

The southern shores of Moriches Bay and Great South Bay to the west are formed by the 32-mile-long **Fire Island National Seashore**. Stroll along paths beneath a canopy of holly trees and enjoy the preserved wildlife. Smith Point West, accessible by bridge, offers boardwalk nature trails. The Fire Island Lighthouse on the western end of the park has a visitors center, museum and nature trail.

Many of the marinas are part of private communities on the island: There is a marina with transient dockage at **Watch Hill**, 12nm west of Moriches Inlet. This is part of the National Seashore park, and you'll also find a campground and restaurants.

Patchogue is the largest town on the north shore of the **Great South Bay**, the biggest of the South Shore bays. The town is filled with shops and is the major shopping spot for most of the area. You will immediately realize this is not your sleepy resort town. Patchogue is home to the headquarters of the Fire Island National Seashore (516-289-4810), which can give you detailed information about the barrier islands. Patchogue has two waterfronts, one on the bay, and one on the **Patchogue River**, but most choose the river. The entrance to the channel is almost directly north from the Watch Hill channel at Fl G 2.5s G "1." A privately maintained Fl R 5s 18ft light marks the entrance to the river, but keep in mind that depths here are charted as low as 5 feet. Blue Point, Bayport and Sayville to the west offer few transient facilities.

Oakdale to the west of Nicoll Bay is where many of the great turn-of-the-century country estates are located. You can catch a glimpse of the past at Bayard Cutting Arboretum (516-581-1002), a superbly designed mansion and park built by a railroad magnate. The millionaires who spent summers in Oakdale enjoyed good sport, and the grounds of their shooting preserve are now the Connetquot River State Park.

The town of **Bayshore** on **Great Cove** provides a secure basin protected by a bulkhead spit. Fishing is the main activity in this harbor, and several accommodating creeks provide marine facilities. Transients can usually find dockage or services along West Creek (the local name for the combined Watchogue and Pentaquit Creeks).

Fire Island Inlet, south of **Babylon**, is the passage between the Atlantic Ocean and Great South Bay. The Coast Guard advises that this is an unsafe inlet due to strong currents. Although fishermen crowd the approaches from both sides, only experienced captains should make the crossing.

At **Captree Island**, north of Fire Island Inlet, the water outside of the channel becomes extremely shallow, so the best course is to stay in the State Boat Channel, which runs along the barrier beaches. The channel will take you through **South Oyster Bay** and past **Zachs Bay** to Jones Beach State

Park. Jones Beach is one of the state's largest and one of the most famous beaches in the Northeast. There are facilities in **Middle Bay** and **Hempstead Bay**, but the channels are constantly changing, and tidal currents are strong. For access to the park and beach, the eastern part of Zachs Bay offers a sheltered, secure holding ground.

Vessels needing more than 14 feet of vertical clearance that continue into the State Boat Channel will have to turn north at Zachs Bay to bypass the fixed bridge at Jones Beach Causeway. Follow the channel around the north side of Green Island, then head south and rejoin the State Boat Channel at Q G "27." **Jones Inlet** is the point where many cruisers will take their vessels outside on their journey west and south. The inlet is not recommended for smaller vessels or inexperienced captains, but it does avert the tedious passage through **Reynolds Channel** to **East Rockaway Inlet**.

At the confluence of the State Boat Channel and Jones Inlet, you can turn north at R N "12" to approach **Freeport**, considered one of the finest harbors in Nassau County and offering more than 40 marinas. Guy Lombardo (the late band leader) was a town resident and has given to the community in many ways, including his name to the avenue along which most of the marinas are found. Suburbia has taken over this area, once a fishing village, but some of the charm of its origins remain near the shoreline. This is a good port-of-call if you want to explore some of the inland attractions of Long Island.

Old Bethpage Village Restoration to the northeast of Freeport is a restoration of a pre-Civil War community. Horticulturists shouldn't miss the 100-plus acres of gardens, fields and woods at Old Westbury Gardens. The grand house was built in 1906 and the original framed paintings and antiques remain. A full schedule of lectures and concerts is held year long, with lawn concerts in the summer.

Approaching Freeport from Jones Inlet, you will pass a bascule bridge as you head into Long Creek. The route is winding but well marked all the way to Freeport. The numerous marinas are located all along the waterfront. After your inland excursions in Freeport, pick up Reynolds Channel by following the shoreline westerly around Middle Bay and follow the channel through Garrett Marsh and East Channel Islands.

Reynolds Channel follows the lower part of Hempstead Bay, running about 8nm between Jones Inlet and East Rockaway Inlet. **Long Beach** is the name of both the barrier beach itself and the resort town, which offers plenty of facilities for boaters that you'll see as you travel west along the channel. This is a good stop to unwind from your cruising—there are tennis courts, a 5-mile boardwalk, a fishing pier, and a town made to serve out-of-towners.

East Rockaway Inlet leads boaters out Reynolds Channel, into the ocean, and generally has the safest conditions. Depths are generally about 12 feet. The entrance is marked by Mo(A) BELL R W "ER" and Fl 4s 15ft 6M at the

eastern jetty. Rockaway Inlet, southeast of Coney Island, is the westernmost inlet along the south shore and leads into Jamaica Bay. It's very deep in here, and if you're in need of a temporary stopover, The Gateway National Recreation Area operates a marina on **Barren Island** in well-protected Dead Horse Bay. The Plumb Beach Channel guides you northeast toward its entrance. Slips are available on a first-come first-served basis. Jamaica Bay also has several transient facilities scattered about, if you're willing to head that far away from the main cruising areas.

Whether you arrived by way of the open Atlantic or left the inland waterway at East Rockaway Inlet, the area just south of Coney Island marks a crossroads. You can turn north through The Narrows and up the Hudson River, head west into Raritan Bay, or swing south to Sandy Hook to pick up the inland route along the Jersey shore. Whatever route you choose, this confluence of rivers and bays shows the diversity of New York cruising.

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—Upper New York Harbor (718-885-3420)

—Oyster Bay (516-624-3483)

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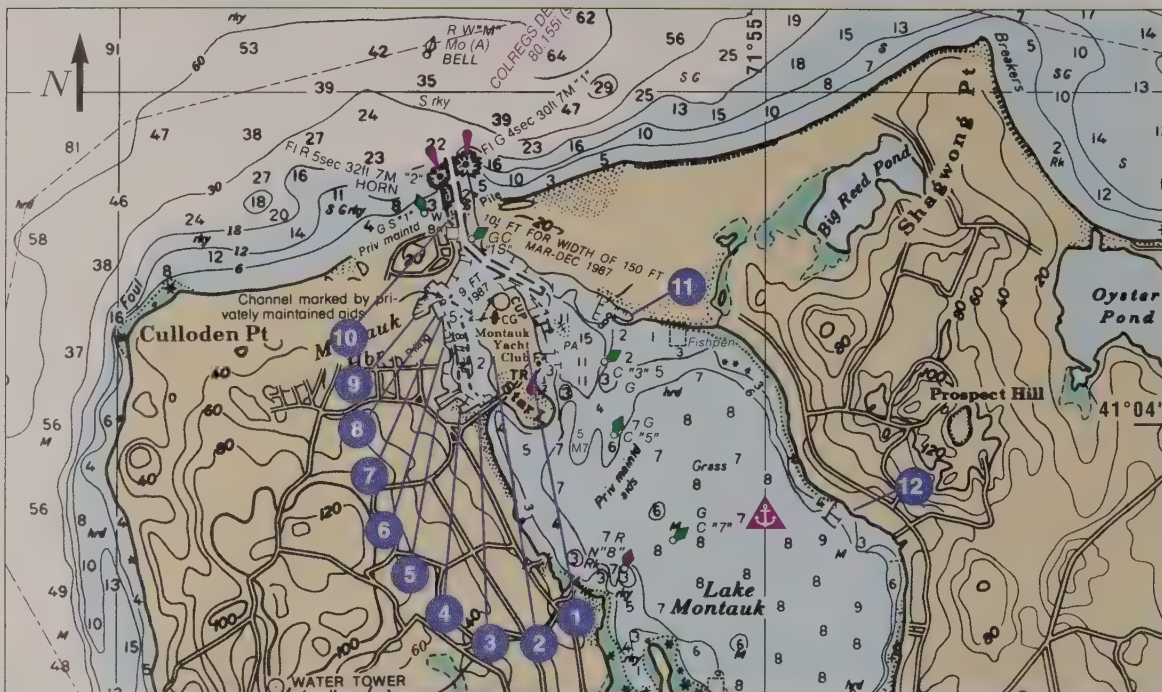
—Bay Shore (516-667-9849)

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—Captain Tow, Brooklyn (718-253-5434)

—Sandy Hook (908-291-8264)



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11	Gone Fishing Marina	516-668-3232	19	30		Y	50	6	6	FC	★50	R	LT25	All	GD	BP	MGIB	All		P	MVD
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Surfcasting off the end of the earth, in the shadow of Montauk Point Light.
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Dutch explorer Adriaen Block first discovered the East End of Long Island in 1614. More than 250 years later, in 1926, Carl Fisher paid \$2.5 million for a 9,700-acre parcel of this land, including 9 miles of choice waterfront property. Fisher envisioned the next Miami Beach, another one of his creations. He planned the golf course, the Montauk Yacht Club, the Manor Hotel, and his high-rise office building in town.

Fisher didn't plan on the 1929 stock market crash that decimated his development company as well as his dreams. But his legacy remains and so does the Manor (now a private residence), the Fisher Building, and a harbor bursting with marinas and sportfishing boats.

What To See and Do

At first, you may think sportfishing is the only thing going on in Montauk Harbor. On the water, you're probably right, but less than 5 miles from the docks, there's a plethora of attractions. The town proudly considers itself a sportfishing mecca, with more than 50 world-record catches.

Get your land legs at Montauk Point Lighthouse Museum, where you can check out hundreds of years of whaling and fishing history. Or use the horses' legs and ride like the dudes of old times at Montauk's parks and private estates. The oldest cattle ranch in America, Deep Hollow Ranch (516-668-2744), features a 4,000-acre spread where you giddy-up on rustic trails, rolling meadows and white-sand beaches. A small petting zoo keeps young'uns happy.

Restaurants and Provisions

Seafood, of course, is a staple of nearly every Montauk restaurant. While many locals prefer theirs plain, with a little butter or lemon, visitors will also find eateries doctoring it up with tropical salsas, spicy sauces, and other secret ingredients.

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Navigation and Anchorages From the east

Rounding Montauk Point, The Montauk Point Light Fl 5s 168ft 24M HORN is a great landmark, as is the radio beacon located 0.3nm south-southwest of the light.



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On the north side of the point is a shoal area that extends about 4nm to the northwest, on which the tidal current usually breaks. In an ebb current, westbound sailors heading for Montauk Harbor may find the going slow.

The only serious obstruction is Shagwong Rock, marked by Fl (2+1) G 6s G R "SR" about 2.5nm to the northeast of the entrance. Keep this marker well to your south before heading toward Mo(A) BELL R W "M" just north Montauk's entrance.

From the north

From Fl G 2.5s BELL "7SR" marking Shagwong Reef head southwest to Mo(A) BELL R W "M" just off the entrance to Montauk Harbor.

Montauk Harbor

If you're planning a cruise to Montauk, have a slip or mooring reserved in advance. Lake Montauk can be a mob scene.

The entrance to Montauk Harbor is between two stone breakwaters marked by Fl G 4s 30ft 4M "1" and Fl R 2.5s 32ft 7M "2" HORN. In fog you will hear the horn on the west breakwater.

After passing through the breakwaters, you will see Star Island dead ahead, connected to the mainland by a causeway. The Coast Guard station is on the northern end of the island, next to a town dock where commercial fishing boats tie up.

Just east of the Coast Guard station on Star Island is the East Hampton town pumpout dock. The self-service pumpout is free and available for use April to November. Where the floating dock meets a fixed dock, the depth shoals up to a range of 3 to 4 feet. On the Star Island causeway is Snug Harbor Motel and Marina, which welcomes transients.

If you're heading for one of the marinas on the eastern side of Lake Montauk or the designated anchorage area, heed the cans to avoid the sandbar (marked by G C "3") that reaches out from the eastern shore of the mainland.

Lake Montauk Anchorage

The channel to the anchorage area is clearly marked. The East Hampton Bay Constable reports that the channel has more than the reported 4 feet of water on the chart.

After passing G C "7," swing to the east, where you'll find about 8 feet of water and a charming anchorage. The grass and mud bottom of the harbor is considered poor holding ground. The harbormaster warns against anchoring directly south of G C "7" unless your draft is minimal.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

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Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

Radio Telephone:

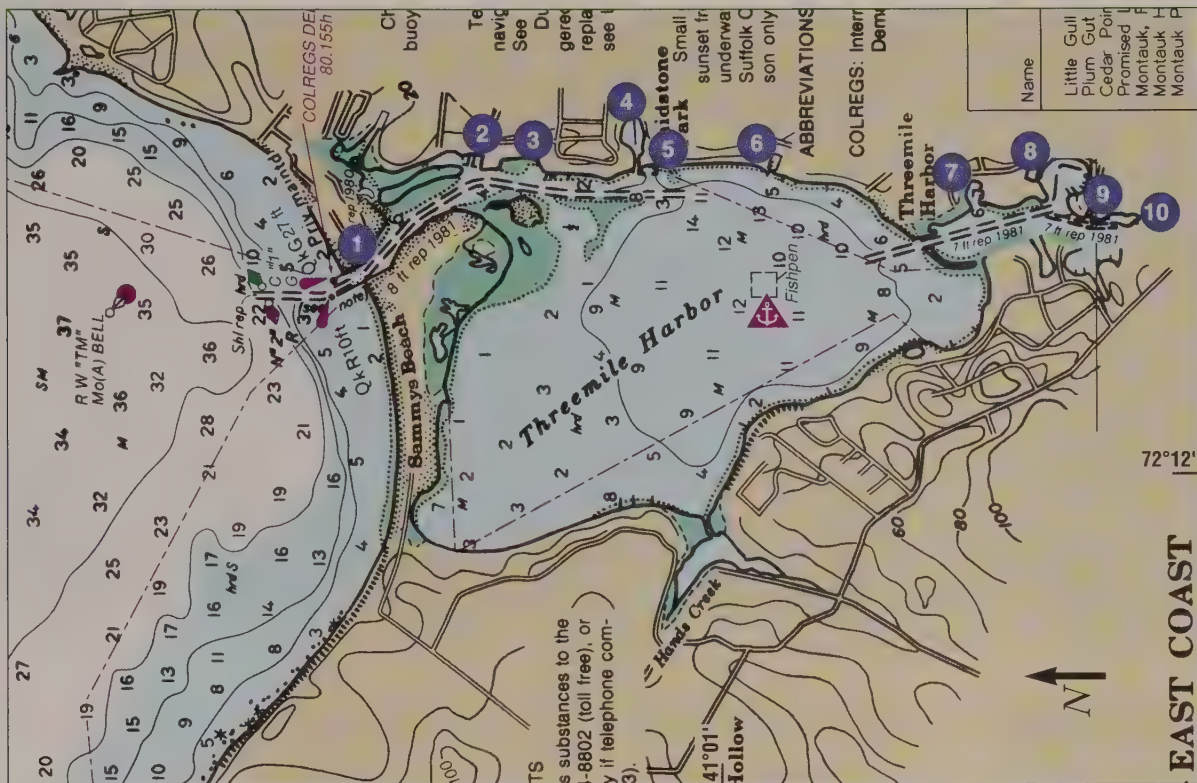
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THREE MILE HARBOR



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THREE MILE HARBOR



Looking north over the entrance to Three Mile Harbor. Sammy's is to the left, Maidstone Beach to the right. © Embassy

"Home," a writer once said, "is where one starts from." Home is also where you're glad to return at day's end. In 1820, poet-actor John Howard Payne felt so strongly about his "Home Sweet Home" in East Hampton that he wrote a song about it, inspiring many sentimental needlepointers.

The Village of East Hampton has long been a home away from home for many. By the turn of the century, the fashionable and wealthy began to arrive; lavish summer homes began to ring the shores of East Hampton, as well as the cash registers in town. Let the elegant ease of the place work its way into you like sand into a shoe, and you may find yourself wanting to go back home—to the Hamptons.

What To See and Do

The Village of East Hampton is a full 3 miles south of the harbor, but catching a taxi or bus there from any of the marinas is not a problem. Once in town, the possibilities are nearly limitless.

History aficionados often start at John Howard Payne's own Home Sweet Home (516-324-0713), a 17th century house filled with Americana. The East Hampton Historical Society (516-324-6850) runs other historical attractions, such as the Boat Shop on Gann Road at Three Mile Harbor. At the cemetery in the center of town, you'll see the elaborate grave of Lion Gardiner, the first lord of Gardiner's Island.

Three Mile Harbor's water is good for swimming thanks to a strict no-discharge policy. The best swimming area, is the north side of Sammys Beach, west of the entrance jetties. Across the channel on the bay side, Maidstone Beach has restrooms, a cabana, grills and a ball field.

Restaurants and Provisions

There are plenty of restaurants surrounding Three Mile Harbor. Michael's at Maidstone Park (516-324-0725) is closest to the beach and offers an American menu. One block west, the Maidstone Market (516-329-2830) on the corner of Flaggy Hole and Three Mile Harbor roads, is open long hours, selling homemade soups and fresh breads.

For dining with a water view, seat yourself on the covered deck or inside Bostwick's Seafood Grill & Oyster Bar (516-324-1111) at The Harbor Marina. Monterey Seafood Grille (516-324-0000) at Maidstone Harbor Marina is a good mid-range choice in the middle of the harbor. Without question, the most elegant eatery is the East Hampton Point Restaurant (516-329-2800). Uncork your wallet and enjoy.

You'll find a casual atmosphere and colossal portions of Italian/American food at Three Mile Harbor Inn (516-324-9024) at the south end of the harbor. Need more choices or supplies? Then hail a cab for a three mile ride to the Village of East Hampton for first rate dining and shopping.

Navigation and Anchorages

From the east

Approaching Three-Mile Harbor from the east, stay well north of G C "13" at Lionhead Rock. Head for Mo(A) BELL R W "TM," just north of the entrance to the harbor. The channel entrance begins between G C "1" and R N "2."

From the west

From the west, simply head for Mo(A) BELL R W "TM." If

THREE MILE HARBOR

you're rounding Cedar Point, pass between G C "1" and R N "2" to avoid Dangerous Rock to the south.

Three-Mile Harbor

From Mo(A) BELL R W "TM" head south to the entrance to Three-Mile Harbor between G C "1" and R N "2." Beware of fish traps close to shore on the east side of the entrance. The channel is charted as 8 feet deep to East Hampton Point Marina. Local boaters tell us the controlling depth is more like 6 feet at mlw, especially near the town's commercial dock. A 5-mph speed limit is enforced throughout the harbor and channel. No PWCs are allowed, but an area has been reserved for water-skiing along the western shore.

CAUTION: A sandbar extends at least 0.5nm farther south from Sammy's Beach than is marked on the chart. Do not turn to the west until you've passed R N "22" (uncharted) about 100 yards south of East Hampton Point Marina.

Eight transient moorings (white balls with black "T") line the western side of the channel to the south. You can pick one up on a first-come, first-served basis; the Marine Patrol (VHF 16) will swing by in the morning to pick up the fee. Continuing south, the 10- to 12- foot-deep channel leads to more marinas and a gorgeous, protected cove. There you'll find Three Mile Harbor Boatyard, offering slips and repairs.

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Radio Telephone:

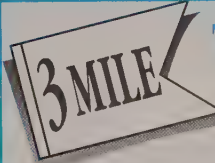


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GREENPORT

There is an unmistakable look about Greenport: sand in the streets, old captains' houses half hidden by trees, small fishermen's cottages with lobster pots in the yard, funky antique shops, fried food, and salty bars. The town's yachting glory arrived with the *Enterprise*, the successful 1930 America's Cup defender that called this town home port. She was commanded by Commodore Harold S. Vanderbilt and crewed with Greenport men.

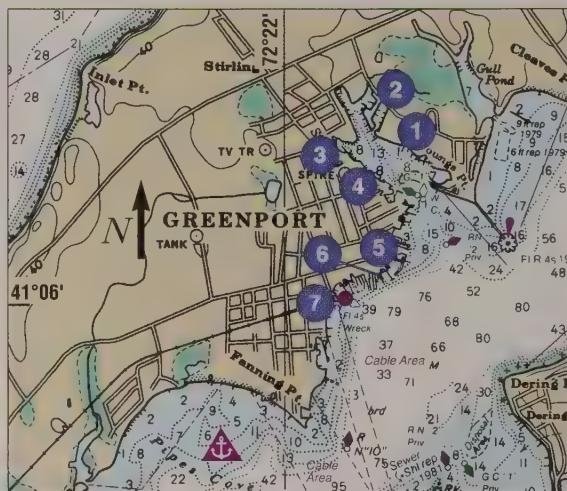
Greenport is the only town on Long Island that had its own navy during World War II. "The Hooligan Navy" was a hodgepodge of dandy boats schooners, ketches, motorsailers and others lent to the U.S. Coast Guard. The flotilla was outfitted with submarine detection devices and commissioned to patrol for German U-Boats. Wind-powered and made of wood, "The Corsair Fleet," as it was officially called, was virtually undetectable by the enemy.

What To See and Do

In Greenport every street lets out at the water. Main Street ends in the heart of town, with a pair of East End institutions: S.T. Preston's chandlery (516-477-1990) on one side, and Claudio's restaurant on the other. Tied up outside is the 139-foot, three-masted barkentine *Regina Maris*. This "Queen of the Seas" has been sunk, reborn and rechristened several times in her nearly 100-year reign.

For some maritime heritage, visit the East End Seaport Maritime Museum (516-477-0004), at the end of Third Street by the ferry dock. If you're in town on the last weekend in September, be prepared for the annual maritime harbor festival (516-477-0004) with boat and crab races, helicopter rescue demonstrations, and visiting tall ships.

Fun spots for the family are the town playground and the beach at Fanning Point, where you will find restrooms, swings, basketball courts, picnic tables and a small dock.



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There are 16 wineries and vineyards within a cab ride west of town. For more information on winery tours and events, call the Long Island Wine Council at (516-475-5492).

Restaurants and Provisions

Greenport's four-block downtown has everything you'll need including ATMs, hardware stores, a laundromat and a supermarket.

A true Greenport institution—owned and operated by the same family since 1870—is Claudio's (516-477-0627), a sizable family-style eatery with nautical memorabilia from such ships as the *Enterprise* hanging on the walls. Seafood is the main brace here, with lobsters the specialty. Claudio's is right on the water and offers free dockage to patrons.

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A serene day in Stirling Basin. © Embassy

For a true treat, try a Belgian chocolate covered morsel at Aldo's (516-477-1699). Besides the bakery, this small bistro serves excellent dinners with a French twist. If your sweet tooth is still aching, there are three ice cream stands and a pastry shop within a block. To cap off the night, the Rhumb Line (516-477-9883) is the sailors' saloon in town, and also serves good food at reasonable prices.

Navigation and Anchorages

From the east

Coming from Gardiners Bay, keep the Fl 4s light at the end of Long Beach Point to your north. The natural channel to Greenport is fairly wide with plenty of water. After you pass west of Hay Beach Point, keep Fl R 4s 19ft "8A" at the end of a breakwater well to the north. The town of Greenport sits to the west-southwest.

From the west

There are no apparent hazards when arriving from the west. Follow the well-marked natural channel and don't get too close to shore.

Greenport

There is good water up to the docks of downtown Greenport. Preston's Chandlery has free dockage during the

day, but you should know there is heavy channel wash. There is also a small Visitor's Dock just east of the ferry dock.

If you can find room, **Stirling Basin** is the best place for an overnight stay—the channel's depth is 8 feet. The entrance is marked by G C "1" denoting foul ground. Once beyond it, stay close to the western shore. Don't cut too close to "the thumb" of sand coming out from Monument Point on the east shore. Brewer Yacht Yard at Greenport is among the marinas here.

Pipes Cove, between Greenport and Conkling Point, is OK for lunch, but is ringed with shallows and wide open to wakes from the nearby channel. Don't stay here overnight.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

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Among the attractions in Huntington is Walt Whitman's birthplace (516-427-5240), which includes a museum and

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library. Every Sunday afternoon in the Town Arsenal, up to 80 people recreate the lives of Revolutionary War soldiers and their families. The Arsenal also offers lectures on everything from musketry to military cooking, all done in period costume. Call the Town Historian (516-351-3244) for more information.

The Heckscher Museum (516-351-3250) has a fine collection of American and European paintings and sculptures. A half mile down the road, on New York Avenue, the Inter-Media Arts Center, or IMAC, (516-549-2787) sponsors jazz and folk music concerts.

Restaurants and Provisions

If you're tantalized by tomato sauce, Mediterraneo Ristorante (516-549-3422) specializes in Northern Italian cuisine while Pic-collo's (516-424-5592) is the place for traditional Italian. CoCo's (516-271-5700), on the waterfront, is a loud, popular spot for the single set to dine and dance.

For a quick no-frills breakfast or lunch near Knutson's Marina, T.K.'s Galley (516-351-8666) will satisfy. Next door is Junior's Pizza (203-423-9006), which delivers, and the Shamrock (516-427-4221). You can grab a sandwich at one of the delis: Bay Deli (516-421-4250), Halesite Harbour Deli (516-351-9340), or Surfside Deli. For groceries, head to King Kullen, within walking distance of Huntington Harbor.

Navigation and Anchorages

From the East

Keep to the north of G C "13," north of Eatons Neck Point, to avoid the shoals extending north of the point. Hundreds of smart seamen have foundered here, so stay north of the can.

From the West

You'll have no trouble as long as you stay off the rocky, shallow waters of the north coast of Lloyd Neck. The shoals are well marked by R N "2," R N "4," R N "6," and by Fl R 4s BELL R "8" off Target Rock, just east of East Fort Point.

Huntington Harbor

Huntington Harbor can be accessed southwest of Lloyd Harbor Light Iso 6s 42ft 9M HORN, at the southwestern corner of Huntington Bay. Pass between the light, marking a shoaled area, and Fl G 4s G "1" to its east. Follow the buoys through the narrow area between Fl R 4s 5ft 4M "6" and Wincoma Point. The current can really get ripping through here and watch out for a bar that extends west from the point; favor the west side when entering.



The town of Huntington has made an admirable effort to clean up Long Island Sound. © Embassy

The well-marked channel through the harbor is about 100 feet wide at the entrance. Don't cut east of Fl G 4s G "7" or you're likely to run aground. There is little room for anchoring in the harbor, but there are many marinas with full amenities and ample transient facilities.

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MANHASSET BAY/PORT WASHINGTON

If you sailed in Manhasset Bay 50 years ago, you would've dodged aircraft, as well as racing boats. The old Pan-American Airlines "Clippers" landed on Long Island Sound and taxied into Manhasset Bay to their docks and hangars (since torn down) on Toms Point. Even today you'll see the odd seaplane land here and taxi to the fuel depot in Manorhaven just east of Capri Marina.

Port Washington is a nice suburban area with the indelible stamp of New York City on it. Sands Point is part of Long Island's fabled Gold Coast where the very, very rich once showed the nation how to live well in Irish castles and Norman mansions built atop imposing bluffs. One of the mansions, owned by Harry Guggenheim, sheltered young Charles Lindbergh from the press after his famous 1927 flight across the Atlantic.

What To See and Do

The passion for racing in Manhasset Bay, which claims more yacht clubs than any other port on the Sound, is a year-round phenomenon. The Cow Bay Racing Association, founded in the 1960s, runs the "Thirsty Thursday" regatta each spring.

For a glimpse at the lifestyles of the rich (and sometimes famous), visit the Sands Point Preserve (516-571-7902), which contains the Guggenheim homes and a 209-acre forest.

A cab ride will take you to Route 25A at the foot of the harbor and to the "Miracle Mile," a strip of expensive shops where many a sailor and his money have taken different tacks.

Restaurants and Provisions

Port Washington is packed with restaurants and delis, so you'll find no shortage of edibles. Tie up at Louie's Shore Restaurant (516-883-4242), the local institution for the boating crowd. The Capri Marina and Yachting Center has a restaurant, Latitudes (516-767-7400), as well as a seasonal outdoor restaurant. Just to the east try the steaks and sea-food at Bill's Harbor Inn (516-883-3554), next to Joe White's Marine Service.

For hearty Italian and American fare, there's the very popular LaMotta's (516-944-7900) at the Manhasset Bay Marina, which also has a snack bar that serves breakfast and lunch. Dockage is available for patrons. On Main Street, not far from the town dock, the well-regarded Pomodoro (516-767-7164) serves up tasty, innovative pasta dishes.

Navigation and Anchorages

From the northeast

Avoid cruising south of **Gangway Rock**, marked by a Fl G 40ft 6s "27A," north of Barker Point on Manhasset Neck. **Success Rock**, about 0.2nm southeast, is awash at low water. From Gangway Rock, head southwest to the wide mouth of Manhasset Bay. Head for Fl G 4s G "1" just south of Plum Point.

From the west

When approaching from the east, keep Stepping Stones Oc G 4s 46ft 8M light to your east before heading toward Fl G 4s G

"29" north of Hewlett Point. Keep that mark to your east as well before rounding it and heading southeast into Manhasset Harbor. A course of about 129nm from Fl G 4s G "29" will take you to Fl G 4s G "1" in Manhasset Harbor, just south of Plum Point.

Manhasset Bay

There are several anchorages in the bay worth checking out. The anchorage between Plum Point and Toms Point is good, though much of the space is taken up with moorings. The bay's soft bottom affords good holding.

CAUTION: Watch out for the commuting seaplanes that frequently take off or land in special no-anchoring areas clearly marked on the charts.

In the bight between Sands Point and Barker Point (to its northwest) is Half Moon Beach, one of the best on the Sound. Though the area is too exposed for a night anchorage, it's still a decent place to drop anchor during the day. Since the current runs across the two points, the bight is also a good area to tack into in order to avoid the tides.

Port Washington

The city of Port Washington is located on the eastern shore of Manhasset Bay, just east of Toms Point. From the point, there is an 8-foot channel to the town docks, and another, running to a bight northeast of the point. Port Washington offers an array of facilities for the boater.

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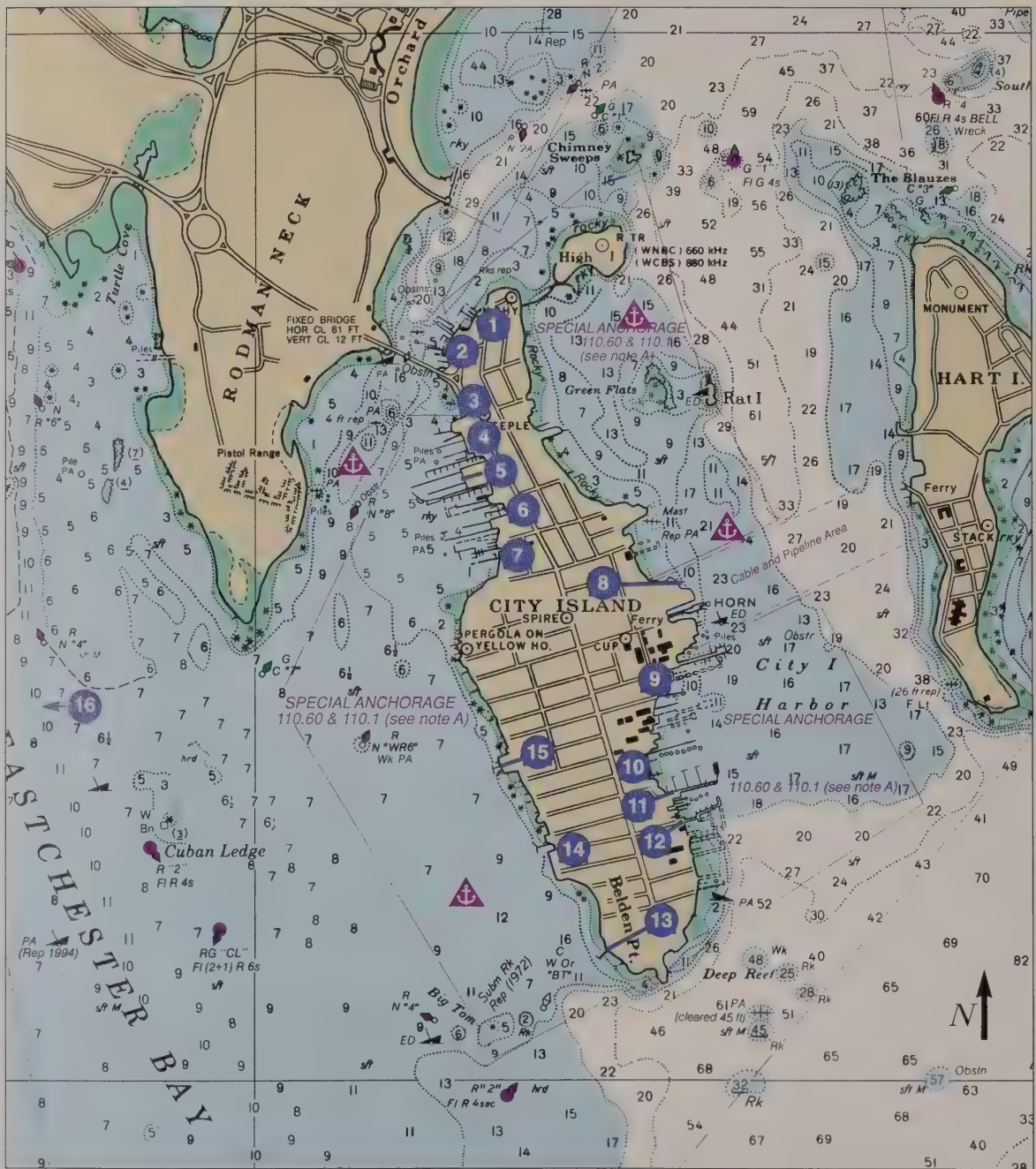
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New York City has its well-defined districts—diamond, garment and flower, not to mention those red-light districts. Then, in the far eastern reaches of the Bronx, there's the Big Apple's marine district. Bristling with docks and

piers, 1.5-mile-long City Island is a pleasant retreat. It's impressive for the sheer density of its waterfront and the sense of history that shrouds the place like a cool, September fog.



City Island from the southwest. © Embassy

If dockage isn't a problem, indulge yourself at Le Refuge Inn (718-885-2478). Lobster Box (718-885-1952) offers fine entrees and desserts fit for the gods. Boaters on budgets will love City Island Diner (718-885-9867), or you can shell out a few bucks at the Crab Shanty (718-885-1810).

At the end of City Island Avenue, there's a family restaurant on either side: Johnny's Reef Restaurant (718-885-2086) and Tony's Pier Restaurant (718-885-1424). Each serves seafood in a casual setting. New Way Supermarket and City Island Supermarket/IGA have all you'll need for the galley. Buddy's Hardware and Yacht sells all types of goods, and on wash day, you've got your choice of two laundromats.

Navigation and Anchorages From the east

When coming from the east you have two routes you can take—north of **Hart Island**, or south of it. The northern route is riddled with shoaling areas and rocks.

Navigate your way through the minefield between **Middle Reef** and Hart Island and head toward Fl G 4s G "1," just north-east of City Island. From there, head south-southeast between City Island and Hart Island. Keep **Rat Island** to your west before turning into one of the marinas in City Island Harbor.

If you choose to head south of Hart Island, the water is wide and deep. Keep between Fl R 4s 23 ft 6M "46" at the southern tip of Hart Island and Fl G 4s G "29" just north of **Hewlett Point**. From there, City Island Harbor sits to the west, where you'll find South Minneford Yacht Club.

CAUTION: *Never go between the South and East Nonations to the north, or between The Blauzes and Hart Island to the south. Be careful when heading down the channel north of Chimney Sweeps, to the north of High Island.*

From the south or west

Use caution when navigating **Eastchester Bay**. The shores to the west are fringed with boulders, shoals and wrecks. As you approach City Island, beware of **Big Tom**, a barely submerged rock west of **Belden Point**.

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CAUTION: Beware of Cuban Ledge, almost in the center of Eastchester Bay. Do not pass between the Fl R 4s R "2" on the west side of the ledge and Fl(2+1) R 6s R G "CL" about 400 yards to the southeast of Fl R 4s R "2."

Eastchester Bay Anchorages

You can anchor in Eastchester Bay, west of City Island, although this spot is filled with moorings and is often crowded. The most popular anchorage is south of the fixed bridge that connects City Island to **Rodman Neck**, in an area dominated by powerboats. Currents reach 1 to 2 knots in the area around the bridge, which has a vertical clearance of only 12 feet. If you need repairs, stop by Stelter Marine Sales.

City Island Harbor

Also known as Hart Island Roads, this area offers good protection but only fair holding ground. The best bet for anchoring is south of the high rocks of Rat Island. In a northeast or east wind, the area north of Rat Island is exposed, and there's at least 50 miles of fetch behind those waves.

Give **Green Flats**, just west of Rat Island, plenty of room; it's exposed at low water and always dangerous. The fixed bridge connecting High Island and the WNBC and WCBS radio towers with City Island has no water under it at low tide.



City Island is the ideal urban anchorage, as this mural painted by local youths illustrates. © Embassy

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Nearly four centuries after Block wintered on Manhattan, its waterfront has been rediscovered. The waters of the Upper Bay are safer and less crowded and its waterfront is less industrial. Though there's not enough room to build a boat along the East River anymore (and don't even think about chopping down any of Central Park's oak trees), the re-discovery of this waterfront would please even an old salt like Block.

If ever there was a place to be seen and done, New York City is it. Access to Manhattan from the New Jersey side of the Hudson is quick and easy. NY Waterway (800-53-FERRY) has ferries running from the NJ side (Weehawken, Hoboken, and Jersey City) to West 38th Street and the World Financial Center, with free connecting buses to Chelsea Piers. The

New York Harbor's signature landmark. © Mary Jane Hayes

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PATH train (800-234-PATH) makes a stop at the Newport Yacht Club and Marina and runs to a terminus in Greenwich Village.

If you're not sure where to begin, head over to the New York Convention and Visitors Bureau (212-397-8222), at 59th Street and Columbus Circle, where you can get a handle on how you'd like to spend your visit.

If you're in the patriotic mood, do what more than 16 million immigrants do every year—visit Ellis Island (212-363-3200). A ferry (212-269-5755) to the island departs from Castle Clinton in Battery Park. Don't try landing on Ellis Island in your own boat—you'll be evicted by the Park Police. Close by is the spectacular Statue of Liberty (212-363-3200), atop old Fort Wood on Liberty Island.

Ferry fans who just want a scenic ride might try a round trip on the Staten Island Ferry (718-390-5253), departing from a terminal at South and State Streets. For just 50 cents, the trip offers some of the best—and cheapest—views of the harbor and New York's skyline. A more expensive and inclusive tour is offered by the Circle Line (212-563-3200), departing from Pier 83 at the end of West 42nd Street.

Whether you're an athlete, shopoholic or just a plain old hungry person, you'll be glad you found the Chelsea Piers complex. The Golf Club at Chelsea Piers (212-336-6400) boasts a multi-tiered, all-weather driving range, open year-round.

Every boater should visit the South Street Seaport (212-669-9400), an interesting shopping area and historic site loaded with pubs and restaurants. Check out the Museum Book and Chart Store (212-669-9453), with a full stock of nautical prints and maritime literature. Tour the four-masted bark *Peking* and the lightship *Ambrose*, or join the crew on the schooner *Pioneer* for a hands-on sail. Visiting training ships and ships of state often stop here as well. Stop by the Visitors Center at Fulton and Water streets for tickets or more information.

Restaurants and Provisions

Half the fun of a New York City visit is the discovery—no matter how many times you've been there, you'll always find something new, especially at mealtime.

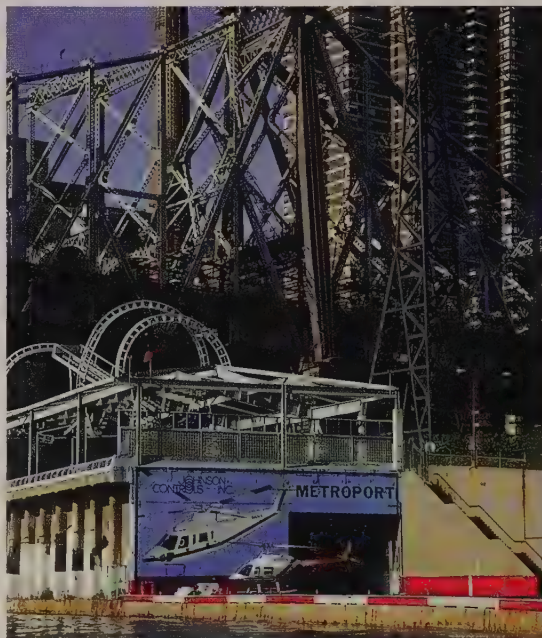
Around South Street Seaport, try Gianni's (212-608-7300) for *delizioso* Italian dishes just like Mama's. Sloppy Louie's (212-509-9694), a popular stop for visitors, offers the ambience of an old-fashioned fish house.

Got your Sunday best aboard? Make reservations for a steak at Delmonico's (212-422-4747), one of the oldest restaurants in the city.

When hunger hits on the Hudson side, you've got your choice at Chelsea Piers. Take the family to Crab House (212-366-4111), for seafood in a fun atmosphere. Or sit by the glass wall at Chelsea Brewing Company (212-336-6440) and watch the brew crew churn out barrels of suds while you put away traditional pub fare.

If you stay in New Jersey, your dining options are almost as unlimited. Near Lincoln Harbor Yacht Club in Weehawken, Ruth's Chris (201-863-5100) is sure to satisfy the steak and potato crowd. Houlihans's (201-863-4000) is the place for burgers and salads, and the new Chart House (201-348-6628) offers steak, seafood, and a great view of the Manhattan skyline. Arthur's Landing (201-867-0777), at the Port Imperial Marina, specializes in seafood, duck, and steak. In the vicinity of the Newport Harbor Yacht Club, the Cafe

Newport (201-626-7200) serves a mix of popular Italian and American dishes. Hoboken and Jersey City are home to many more fine restaurants, just a cab ride away.



Only in New York: the Metroport is one of many unusual sights you'll see along the East River. © Embassy

Navigation and Anchorages

Few places in the world, if any, are as awe-inspiring as the Big Apple. Though the navigable waters are wide and deep, commercial traffic can be thick.

CAUTION: Barges and large ships have less maneuverability (especially in the East River), and therefore, the right of way.

Hell Gate

The infamous Hell Gate, about 1.5nm from North Brother Island, is where the strong currents of the East River combine with the waters of the Harlem River around Mill Rock. The river's reputation as a place to practice prudent navigation and piloting techniques is justified. The East River's cur-

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rents are generally weak, but at Hell Gate they increase to 4 to 5 knots. Combine that with strong winds, heavy traffic, and fluctuating depths, and navigation can be hellacious if traveled at the wrong time.

For easiest passage follow these few rules of thumb:

1. Go with the current and avoid maximum flood or ebb currents in Hell Gate, especially in small or underpowered vessels.
2. Use proper charts and keep track of your position.
3. Monitor VHF 13; commercial pilots will be making their passing agreements and position announcements as prescribed by law.
4. Wear lifejackets while on the river. Getting a person back aboard may take longer than in open water due to the traffic and currents.
5. In general, navigate to the right of center of the channels, and always be on the lookout for large vessels that can't change course quickly. It's your responsibility to move in this narrow channel.

East River

Heavy currents, commercial traffic, and partially submerged debris mean that you shouldn't lollygag through this stretch of your journey.

South of Mill Rock, the East River's channel splits at Roosevelt Island, formerly called Welfare Island because of the prisoners and mentally ill who were once kept there. The west channel is preferred because it's the deeper of the two, and the east channel is spanned by a lift bridge with only 40 feet of vertical clearance. Currents in both channels can run as high as 5.2 knots.

Do not pass between Roosevelt and the Fl G light; a nasty shoal awaits you. Just north of the Williamsburg Bridge pass east of Fl R 2.5s R "18." Stick to the outside of the bend after the Williamsburg Bridge to avoid the more turbulent areas.

Upper Bay

Landing on either Liberty Island or Ellis Island to the north is strictly prohibited. You may get caught up in the moment with the view of the Statue of Liberty—be cautious, it gets a bit

When is an island not an island?

Anyone who has tried to walk to Queens or Brooklyn from Manhattan would agree that Long Island is an island. Everyone that lives on Long Island knows it's an island, but the U.S. Supreme Court says it isn't.

A historic accident dating back over 350 years was part of the basis for the Court's decision. It seems that the illustrious Dutch explorer Adriaen Block wasn't so good at identifying the places he found. Block discovered the Sound by sailing through New York Harbor, which he erroneously assumed was fed by two great rivers, the Hudson River and what he called the "East River." That was his first mistake. Block's second mistake was to call Long Island Sound a river because he thought it was an extension of the East River. Others later realized that the Sound was a different beast entirely.

As the centuries passed, the current names—Long Island Sound, Long Island, and East River—became permanent, though the last is technically inaccurate. According to the experts, the Sound is a sound because it is a "long passage of water connecting two larger bodies [as a sea with the ocean] or passing between the mainland and an island." The East River, however, is really a tidal strait because it carries salt water back and forth between New York Harbor and the Sound, has no head, and drains no watershed; therefore, Long Island is an island.

But the law is not made by oceanographers. In 1985 the U.S. Supreme Court considered Long Island's commercial and political links to the mainland and made a curious ruling: "We agree . . . that Long Island, which indeed is unusual, presents an exceptional case of an island which should be treated as an extension of the mainland."

The Supreme Court is getting involved when the old names worked perfectly well because money is involved, of course. In the 1960s and 1970s when a seabed was being explored in search of minerals and oil, a squabble broke out between New York and Rhode Island over the rights to the area between Orient and Montauk points in New York and Point Judith, R.I.. Whether Long Island was considered an island or a peninsula would determine which state would get the lion's share of the disputed area. One specially appointed judge tried to resolve the issue by dividing it up among the two states and the Federal Government. All three parties appealed. New York eventually won by arguing that Long Island isn't an island, and gained the seabed and the authority to regulate shipping in the disputed area.

If Long Island is redefined as a peninsula, Long Island Sound becomes a bay, and we have the perplexing situation in which Long Island isn't an island, the East River isn't a river, and Long Island Sound isn't a sound.



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rocky around Liberty Island. The holding ground south of Liberty is soft and muddy—ideal for anchoring. The back side of the island (reduced to mud at low water) is designated for recreational boats, with the more open water reserved for commercial traffic. Give the Coast Guard's Vessel Traffic Service (212-668-7722) a call to find the best spot.

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Though there are few, if any, natural obstructions in the river, commercial traffic is heavy near the Upper Bay. While the center of the river is free of man-made obstructions, when navigating close to shore, be aware of old pilings.

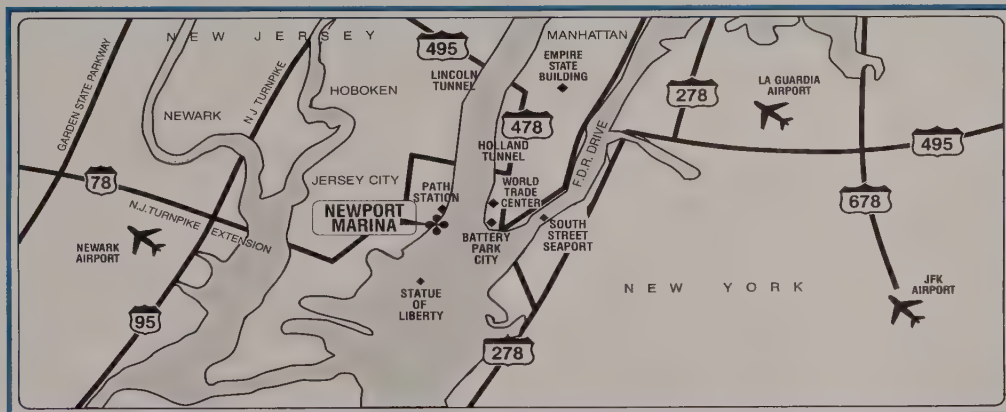
CAUTION: For night-time navigation, be familiar with the lighting schemes of power boats, sailboats, and ships. There are so many lighted buoys, vessels, and buildings in the area that it begins to look like a planetarium show.

Lower Bay

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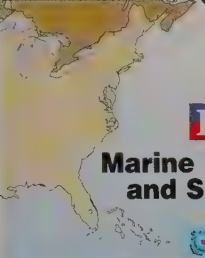
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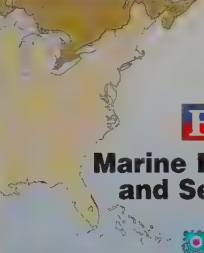
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9	Matt-A-Mar Marina	516-298-4739			40	Y	110	9	6	F	★▲		L50	All	GD	BP	MI	RSP	P	All	All	
9	Mattituck Inlet Marina	516-298-4480	68	68	5	Y	100	10	6	FC	★▲50		L70		GD	Tex		RS		R	All	
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10	Mount Sinai Yacht Club	516-928-0199	9		6	Y	50	20	15	F	★▲50	D		P	GD		I	RSP	All	MVA		
10	Old Man's Boat Yard	516-473-7330			3	1	Y	55	12	12	F	★30	D	LC25	All			M	RP			
10	Ralph's Fishing Station & Marina	516-473-6655	67	67	3	Y	50	13	13	FP	★30	RDL	L10	PGDWFE	GD	BP	MIB	RSP	PS	All		
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11	Diesel Marine Mooring & Launch Service	516-331-2049	68	68	30	S	60	20														
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11	The Boat Place 	516-473-0612				Y	45	9	5	F	★30	R	L25	All				MIB		All	All	
12	Smithtown Long Beach Marina*	516-584-9679	16		25	Y	50	4	8		★50	R		All	G	Gulf	MGIB	RSP	PS			
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13	Centerport Boatworks*	516-757-8576	68	68	10	10	Y	45	6	35	7	▲20	RDL	C20	PSGDFE			GIB	R	All		
13	Seymour's	516-261-6574	68	68	4	12	S	50	7	7	F	▲30	L	R30	All	GD	BP	I	PR		MV	
14	H & M Powles	516-367-7670	10		15	S	50	8	4	F		DL			GD		MIB	P		P	All	
14	Whaler's Cove Yacht Club	516-367-9822	9		2	S	42	25	27	FP	★						I	R		P		
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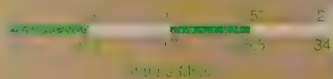
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NEW JERSEY





In Atlantic City, the Coast Guard complex is dwarfed by skyscrapers. © Embassy

While the face of New Jersey may gaze to the West, this state's back anchors it steadfastly to the East Coast. There is a fascinating maritime background with more than 200 sunken wrecks within a 50-mile radius of the Manasquan Inlet. Local museums are full of old photographs from the days when surf boats were rowed out to rescue the tall-ship sailors who carried on the nation's commerce.

But there's a calmer face to this shoreline, too. Miles of unspoiled wetlands line the estuaries inside the barrier islands. Two decades of clean-up efforts and stricter federal regulations on ocean dumping have greatly improved the quality of water in and around most of New Jersey—local divers talk about the variety of fish and the increasing numbers of striped bass and mussels around the jetties along the Jersey Shore.

Many boaters still take the offshore route, following the sea buoys down the coast. There are a number of inlets to duck into along the coast, but some have been rendered impassable by the ever-changing topography of these barrier islands. Others require careful navigation, especially due to large swells and strong currents. If you travel inside the barrier islands for much of the coast, keep in mind that some areas are shallow and boats with more than a 4-foot draft may have trouble at low tide.

Raritan Bay, Sandy Hook, and the Shrewsbury and Navesink rivers

Raritan Bay, the southern terminus of the Arthur Kill, spreads across the bayshore of Monmouth and Middlesex

counties. This is a popular spot for boaters, harboring a number of yacht clubs, and there's plenty of room outside the shipping lane for racing.

Entering **Raritan Bay** from New York Harbor's Upper Bay, head south of the Narrows for the Chapel Hill North Channel, identified by Fl G 4s BELL G "17." Take the Chapel Hill South Channel all the way to Raritan Bay East Reach, which you can pick up to the west at Fl(2+1) R 6s GONG R G "SP." You can also cut across the Lower Bay and pick up Raritan Bay West Reach. To do the latter, leave the Chapel Hill North Channel at Fl G 2.5s G "15" and head southwest leaving Old Orchard Shoal Fl 6s 51ft 5M light to the north. Pick up West Reach at about Fl R 2.5s BELL R "14" and follow the clearly marked channel all the way to Perth Amboy.

Instead of heading toward Raritan Bay, you can continue south from Chapel Hill South Channel and into **Sandy Hook Bay**. Here you'll find **Atlantic Highlands**, where you'll find a municipal marina with a restaurant, and a yacht club located inside the breakwater, marked on its eastern end by a Fl 4s 29ft 7M light. As you proceed west to the municipal marina, favor the breakwater side to avoid a spoil area to the south. An opening at the west end of the breakwater has pilings close by and should be avoided, particularly at night.

Sticking up like a thumb to border the east side of Sandy Hook Bay, **Sandy Hook** is part of the Gateway National Recreation Area where you can spend the day swimming and fishing along the 6 miles of beaches. A visitor center at Spmaceti Cove near the southern end of the peninsula pro-

vides literature and maps for touring Sandy Hook.

To enjoy Sandy Hook, anchor in **Horseshoe Cove**, a little more than 2nm south of Sandy Hook's northern tip. From Atlantic Highlands, it's a straight shot northeast across the bay. If you're coming from the ocean, stay in the well-marked Sandy Hook Channel, which begins between Fl G 2.5s GONG G "1" and Fl R 2.5s BELL R "2." Some boaters get into trouble by cutting "The Hook" too close, and end up in the shoals of "The False Hook." As you round Sandy Hook, keep Fl G 2.5s GONG G "17" to the east before heading south past the Sandy Hook Coast Guard station for the anchorage at Horseshoe Cove. Don't hug the shore; shoals extend farther than charts indicate. Sticks in the water at Horseshoe Cove mark fish nets and you can anchor outside of them. Many boats ride out storms in this safe anchorage.

Through a narrow channel in the southeast corner of Sandy Hook Bay you have access to the Shrewsbury and Navesink rivers. To approach the channel, set a course for Fl R 4s R "2," just east of the breakwater protecting Atlantic Highlands. The channel is straightforward from there. At Fl R 6s R G "NS," about 2nm south of the channel's entrance, the channel splits—to the west is the Navesink River, to the south, the Shrewsbury River. Be particularly careful here—although you can see some of the exposed bars, many boaters lose their stern-drives here at low tide.

Red Bank, on the **Navesink River**, is a hub of restaurants, bars and shops. The channel in this lower end of the Navesink has been changed by winter storms and the markers have been moved, adding several doglegs that may not appear on your chart. At Red Bank, there are marinas near town-owned Marine Park, which has a shallow pier. Access to the Navesink beyond Red Bank is greatly limited by the Route 35 Fixed Bridge (vertical clearance: 8 feet).

The **Shrewsbury River** runs south to Long Branch. Because there are no facilities, it's best to take a cab from Highlands or Red Bank. Follow the well-marked channel; the water gets very shallow outside at mlw.

Sandy Hook to Shark River

Most choose to cruise the Atlantic Ocean, down the New Jersey coastline. Exiting the New York area via the Ambrose, Wash, or Sandy Hook channels is fairly straightforward if you pay attention to your chart and traffic. For more details, see the New York State Text.

Leaving Sandy Hook and Raritan Bay waters behind, you can exit the area and cruise just off the beach all the way to Cape May. The sea buoys are located 1nm to 2nm offshore and lead all the way down the coast. Be sure to give a wide berth to shoals that form around the seaward side of the inlets from Barnegat Inlet south.

Cruising close to shore, you'll see the changing face of New Jersey. About 16.5nm south of the Sandy Hook Channel you'll find the **Shark River Inlet** and Belmar, a

resort town that draws a young crowd. The Shark River is the site of a technological development of significant importance to mariners, though few give it much thought anymore. This should not be attempted without local knowledge.

Key into Mo(A) WHISTLE R W "SI" just east of the Shark River Inlet which is marked by the Fl R 4s 33ft 10M HORN "2" light to the north and Fl G 4s 33ft 6M "1" light to the south. A bascule bridge with 15-foot clearance spans the inlet at the foot of the jetties and opens upon request year round. Inside the inlet, the channel is wide and heavily traveled by recreational boaters as well as a fleet of party fishing and charter boats. About 1nm inland the channel splits. To the north there are three fixed bridges with only 8 feet of clearance. To the south, you'll see three bascule bridges with a minimum 8 feet of clearance. Current is strong in the inlet, particularly around the three bascule bridges. The rest of Shark River may look inviting, but much of its bottom is exposed at low tide. If you anchor off or south of the municipal marina, you can row your dinghy to the gas dock and walk a block down 10th Avenue to the downtown area for restaurants and provisions.

The Intracoastal Waterway: The Manasquan River to Cape May Inlet

About 5.3nm south of Shark River Inlet, you'll encounter the Manasquan River and its inlet, home to a charter fishing fleet and a lot of activity. The Manasquan River is the start of New Jersey's **Intracoastal Waterway**. Head for Fl R 4s BELL R "2M" about 1nm southeast of the inlet. The water is deep all the way into the mouth, protected by jetties on both sides and marked by the Fl R 4s 30ft 6M "4" light on the north and Fl G 6s 35ft 10M HORN "3" light on the south. (*Refer to the **Manasquan Harbor Highlight** for more information on the inlet and the town of Brielle.*)

About 2nm upriver, east of Fl (2+1) R "6" light, you'll enter the **Point Pleasant Canal**. Currents in the canal can run 4 to 6 knots, and the waters are turbulent at the two lift bridges, both of which have about 30 feet of clearance when closed. Large sailboats often wait to pass through the canal at slack tide or on a waning ebb.

From the Point Pleasant Canal, you can head east or west of **Herring Island**. The western route gives you access to the **Metedeconk River**, which runs west for about 3nm, offering minimum depths of 5 to 6 feet. Some boaters anchor for the night off the marsh near Fl G "1" at the mouth.

The first of the series of estuaries that make up the intracoastal route in New Jersey is **Barnegat Bay** located south of Metedeconk River. Barnegat Bay is restricted to those vessels that draw less than 5 feet and have masts of less than 60 feet. Though this is a good place to ride out a storm, it's usually too shallow for sailboats. Even when the waves are being blown apart in the ocean, the chop in Barnegat Bay does not build much more than 2 feet. Like much of the ICW in New

Jersey, Barnegat Bay is best explored by small boat.

The channel is narrow in many parts of Barnegat Bay and traffic can make conditions choppy on summer weekends. Tides run less than a foot. A strong west wind for any length of time tends to push water out of the bay and can be a factor in entering some marinas on the western shore.

Along the west side of Barnegat Bay, south of **Swan Point** (SM 7.3), keep an eye out for submerged clam stakes. Though most of the stakes have been removed and a pair of tugboats dragged the area with a chain, local sailors still spot a few stakes broken off just below the water.

Farther south, on the bay's eastern side, Lavallette is home to Hankins Boat Works. This is where Charley Hankins, like his father before him, built the surf boats used by lifeguards up and down the coast.

The channel in this part of Barnegat Bay is fairly wide and well marked. If you do choose to leave the channel, don't cut the points of land along the western shore too closely—they tend to shoal out.

Cruisers frequently anchor in Silver Bay, west of Q R "22" at SM 10.5, a small, fairly well-protected area surrounded by marshlands on the western shore. Applegate Cove, just south of Silver Bay and entered between the Fl R 2.5s "24" light and the Fl R 6s 16ft 4M "26" light, is also a good anchorage.

Continuing south, stick close to the markers, as shallow water encroaches on the zig-zagging channel. At SM 14.2, a fixed bridge with a clearance of 60 feet is immediately followed by a 30-foot bascule bridge.

South of the bridge, to the west, is the entrance to Toms River. If you opt to enter the river, stay south of Fl R "2" to avoid the shoal that runs well south off Long Point.

Across Barnegat Bay from the Toms River is Seaside Heights and Seaside Park. At Seaside Park, the water is 4 to 5 feet deep near the shore because there was once an inlet there. You can anchor, row to the beach or the public pier, and walk two blocks to some stores.

Although too shallow for big boats, Cedar Creek (SM 20), about 3nm south of Goodluck Point on the south shore of Toms River, is a good place to go by dinghy for a picnic and explore the wetlands along the way. Berkeley Island County Park, running along the creek's north shore, has a fishing pier. There are transient facilities here.

On the eastern side of the ICW, the area just south of **Tices Shoal** (about SM 22.5) is deep enough to have gained a reputation among coastal and offshore cruisers as a fine anchorage. It's also a popular spot for local weekend cruisers but usually is not crowded on weekdays.

West of Mo(A) "BB" (SM23.9) you can enter the **Forked River** which leads to the town of the same name. Inside, the river splits at Fl "19." Head up the North Branch where there's a state marina that supplies fuel along with other amenities. There are also about 15 other transient places to serve visitors.

Oyster Creek, to the south of Forked River, is navigable

but offers no public facilities. Other than Fl "3" (SM 23.6) that marks the entrance, the channel is marked by privately maintained, seasonal aids.

The eastern shore of Barnegat Bay from Seaside Park to Barnegat Inlet is overrun with shoals, except for the noted anchorage at Tices Shoal.

Barnegat Inlet is a good place to duck inside to ride out approaching storms. Rest in the aforementioned Tices Shoal or southwest of Sedge Islands, north of the inlet. Long considered a dangerous inlet with shifting bars just outside its mouth, Barnegat Inlet has been tamed somewhat by the extension of its north jetty. When swells are large, an outgoing tide still creates mountainous chop, with waves breaking on both sides of the channel leading into the inlet. Barnegat remains a difficult inlet when the wind blows hard from the northeast.

Some locals approach the inlet from the north, through an unmarked channel in the shoal. For the unfamiliar, this is dangerous. Instead, pick up Mo(A) WHISTLE R W "BI," approximately 1.6nm east of the inlet, then head northwest toward the jetties, keeping between the Fl R 4s 37ft 5M HORN "6" light to the north and the Fl G 4s 37ft 5M HORN "7" light to the south.

Just inside the inlet, on the south side, you'll find Barnegat Lighthouse, which has been renovated and is open to the public. The Barnegat Inlet Coast Guard Station is south of the lighthouse.

If you follow the local channel just inside the inlet, turning south at Barnegat Lighthouse, you can buy fish on the dock from some of the commercial fishing boats along the cut known locally as Myers Hole. Boats sometimes anchor in this small but well-protected harbor. Marinas are located just south of lighthouse. Some transient slips are available in the spring and fall but are hard to come by during the summer.

Follow the Oyster Creek Channel north, then west through the marshes and Sedge Islands to the main ICW channel in Barnegat Bay. Keep in mind that Oyster Creek Channel markers are moved around during the summer to keep up with the shifting sands inside the inlet.

Following the ICW south, the channel narrows south of SM 30 and runs along the eastern shore before turning west out into shallow Manahawkin Bay. At the Q R 15ft "62" light (SM 35.6), boaters with less than 15 feet of vertical clearance can opt for the eastern route, but most stay on the ICW, continuing under the 60-foot-high fixed Manahawkin Bridge. South of the bridge, the ICW channel turns east again and comes in along the shore at Brant Beach into Little Egg Harbor, connecting with the alternative route. The alternative route takes you alongside the local inshore channel that starts about 1.5nm north of the Manahawkin Bridge at Fl G "1." The channel rejoins the Intracoastal at Brant Beach at Fl R 2.5s "78" light.

South of Barnegat Inlet, the barrier island towns of Long

Beach Island contain numerous attractions, not to mention plenty of transient facilities. Beach Haven offers the most variety along its main drag, Bay Avenue.

At the southern end of Long Beach Island (SM 50), you'll come to Beach Haven and Little Egg inlets, which are actually routes into one inlet. The northern inlet, Beach Haven Inlet, is not passable. Little Egg Inlet is marked by Mo(A) WHISTLE R W "LE," southeast of the inlet. Little Egg Inlet is a good place to head back outside, as there is plenty of water, but watch your depth-sounder—you'll be surrounded by shallow water.

From Great Bay, you can head west, up the Mullica River, which passes beneath the Garden State Parkway at a fixed bridge with 30-foot clearance that runs parallel to a 50-foot-high power cable. The Bass River runs northwest off the Mullica at Fl G "1." There are several large marinas upstream as well as a major powerboat manufacturer.

Continuing down the ICW from Great Bay, the channel becomes very narrow for about 7nm as it takes you through the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge at Brigantine. The refuge includes more than 34,000 acres of preserved wetlands with some 200 species of birds. If you want to visit these areas, take a cab from Atlantic City.

At SM 65 you have the option of continuing south on the ICW or heading east to **Atlantic City** and the **Absecon Inlet**. From the Atlantic, the entrance to Absecon Inlet and Atlantic City is straightforward. From Fl G 4s GONG G "1," about 1nm southeast of the mouth, head northwest to Fl G 4s 29ft 6M "7" marking the southern side of the inlet. (*Refer to the Atlantic City Harbor Highlight for more information.*)

From Atlantic City all the way down to Cape May the waterway has a controlling depth of about 4 feet with 35 feet of clearance. Those vessels with taller masts must leave the Absecon Inlet to head south. Continuing south on the ICW, the channel takes some abrupt turns. At Q G 8ft "211" light at **Ventnor City** (SM71.7), you'll enter the West Canal before taking a hairpin turn toward the southeast. At Q R 15ft "230" (SM75.2) the channel again hairpins to the northwest up Risley Channel. At Q R 15ft "230" you have the option of continuing under the 25-foot-high fixed bridge which will take you to Great Egg Harbor Inlet. The Coast Guard deems this inlet unsafe.

The narrow ICW continues winding through Broad Thorofare and the marshes down to **Corson Inlet**, which is not passable, and **Townsend Inlet** (SM96.6), which is passable by following the uncharted center channel buoys. At SM105, **Hereford Inlet** branches off to the east.

Just south, the Wildwoods are made up of North Wildwood, Wildwood and Wildwood Crest. These barrier island towns offer an array of amusement rides for all tastes, as well as miles of beaches.

Continuing south, the narrow channel beneath the Railroad Bascule Bridge (vertical clearance: 6 feet) at SM107, just south of Grassy Sound, is only about 4 feet deep at low

tide. **Sunset Lake**, east of the ICW at SM110, is a nearby anchorage with plenty of depth for anchoring. In summer it is a popular spot for PWC, so don't expect peace and quiet. To enter Sunset Lake, leave Q G "465" to your south and head southeast for Fl G "1." After Fl G "3," pick your anchoring spot in 15 feet of water.

After passing under the 23-foot-high bascule bridge at SM 112, you'll enter **Cape May Harbor**. Cape May has been a charming resort town for almost 200 years. Today, it is jam-packed with bed-and-breakfasts and its own year-round population of artisans and craftsmen. Arriving through Cape May Inlet, pick up Fl R 2.5s BELL R 2CM" about 0.5nm southeast of the jetties. The north jetty is marked by Fl R 4s 30ft 6M "4" light and the south by the Fl G 4s 20ft 5M HORN "5" light. (*Refer to the Cape May Harbor Highlight for more information.*)

Delaware Bay and River: Cape May Canal to Trenton

There are two ways to get into Delaware Bay from New Jersey—round Cape May Point, or cut through the Cape May Canal.

Extreme care must be taken in rounding the **Cape May Point**, marked by the Fl 15s 165ft 24M light. Stay south of **Eph Shoal** and **Prissy Wicks Shoal**—an area known as the "Rips" to local boaters. The shoals change frequently. You may see some local party boats coming from Cape May Inlet rounding the cape inshore of the Rips. Don't try it—these are fishermen who know the local waters well.

The best route to the Delaware Bay is through the **Cape May Canal**. The Cape May Canal was dug during World War II as a place to escape from German U-boats and avoid rounding the exposed cape into Delaware Bay. Controlling depth is 6 feet for a good portion of the canal and a 55-foot, fixed bridge marks the vertical-clearance limit. It is best to travel on a favorable tide as the current reaches 2 to 3 knots. Stay on the right side of the channel and watch for ships. Vessels traveling with the current have the right of way, except for small pleasure craft that must yield to commercial vessels. Sailing is forbidden and there's no anchoring allowed. Notify the traffic dispatcher (410-885-5622) if you have any problems.

At the head of Cape May Harbor, the channel forks. Take the route to the north at Fl R 2.5s R "10" and head for Fl R 4s 9ft 4M "14," which marks the beginning of the canal. You'll encounter one of the bridges just as you enter the canal from Cape May. A railroad swing bridge .75nm farther along remains open, forming a divider down the middle of the channel (the railroad crossing the canal is no longer in use). A third bridge, fixed with 55-foot clearance, is directly after the railroad bridge. Exiting the Cape May Canal into Delaware Bay, you'll find Fl R 2.5s BELL R "8." The ferry that goes to Lewes, Delaware, docks just inside the canal on the northern side and uses much of the channel when entering. Slow down to no more than 5 knots

when passing the ferry slips.

Always be on the lookout for larger vessels entering the canal. We're told that big boats pick up speed to offset the canal's currents. It's just best to stay out of their way.

The towns along the New Jersey side of the Delaware Bay grew up around oystering, which was done from sailing vessels until World War II. Then, power dredges quickly depleted the oysters and the mysterious MSX disease hit in 1957.

Heading northwest up the bay, follow the shipping channel that begins east of Q G "WR9." It is well-marked, but experiences a stronger current than the flats on the eastern side of the bay. Most of the creeks that run off the New Jersey side of Delaware Bay are navigable only by small boats. Watch for crab traps and gill nets. The currents in the Delaware Bay can run at 6 knots, especially during the ebb in the spring. To make the best time, start your trip up the bay an hour before the current starts coming in.

Both commercial fishing and party boats work out of the **Maurice River**, about 13nm up the bay, northeast of Miah Maull Shoal Oc 4s 59ft 12M HORN light. Mauricetown is a small hamlet of Colonial homes. Wheaton Village, a replica of 19th-century glass-making village with working glass blowers, is up the Maurice River just before Millville.

Sound your way across Egg Island flats to enter the Maurice River whose channel begins between R N "2" and Fl G 4s G "3." Follow the local markers. The Maurice River Cove is shallow, but local boaters report 5 feet of water in the channel at the mouth of the river. The 43-foot East Point Light Iso 6s 43ft 7M to the east of the river is a good landmark during the day. The channel is well marked up to Millville. There is a 25-foot-high fixed bridge at Mauricetown.

Legend has it that Captain Kidd buried some of his booty up the **Cohansey River**, about 15nm northwest of Maurice River. The river is navigable up to the historic town of Bridgeton, which offers walking tours of some of the 2,000 Colonial homes there. Greenwich, about 3.5nm up the winding river, has homes dating back to 1740 and a memorial to the local tea party held before the Revolutionary War.

Entering the Cohansey from Ship John Shoal light Fl 6s 50ft 12M HORN, steer for the inlet between Q G 24ft 5M "1" on the north and the Fl 4s 42ft 7M light on the island that marks the south side of the river mouth. The southern end of **Dunks Bar** is marked by R N "10"—give it a wide berth. You can also enter the river from the Cohansey Cove through the deep channel north of the island; just stay off the shallows of its southern tip. There is 36 feet of water inside the mouth of the river but, if you anchor there, you may spin around a bit when the current is strong. Some cruisers anchor up the river, around the bend past Laning Wharf.

Across from the C & D Canal, you'll find the Salem River. The town of Salem dates back to 1675. There is a village square and the Salem Oak, believed to be one of the oldest trees in New Jersey. The boat basin has transient slips and

someone there will usually will give boaters a ride to the town. You want to enter the river's channel north of Fl R 4s R "2" west of **Elsinboro Point**. Lighted buoys mark the narrow channel up to the town of Salem.

Boaters headed for the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal should refer to the Delaware chapter for more information.

You can navigate the Delaware River all the way to Trenton by following the ship channel. The river becomes more industrial the farther north you go. Passing beneath the Delaware Memorial Bridge (vertical clearance: 175 feet) just north of Pennsville. You'll pass Camden, once a thriving ship-building city where the U.S. Aircraft Carrier *Kitty Hawk* was built, and, of course, Philadelphia across the river. At Trenton, the state capital, there are slips available for transients. Trenton is about as far north as you'll want to go, as you will begin to encounter submerged rocks just upriver.

You'll find that the Delaware Bay and River waters are as different from New Jersey's ocean coast as they are from the waters that border the northern side of the state. But, all in all, this varied state gives you a good taste of the Atlantic Coast.

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This jewel by the sea sparkles like the beach glass you'll find if you stroll on the sand in the early morning light. Your first view of Manasquan will likely be people lounging on Point Pleasant Beach or fishing on the crojack jetties, followed by Labradors splashing in the canalside shallows. Glance askance and you'll see the colorful clam shacks and amusement booths that are as much a fixture in this part of the country as water towers emblazoned with the towns' names. Put some Springsteen on the stereo—you've reached the Jersey shore.

What to See and Do

Manasquan Inlet is a nice, quiet place—save for the railroad bridge's closing siren—to rest for a spell. If you prefer a little bit of noise, head down to the boardwalk for pinball, skee-ball, miniature golf, and the usual seaside attractions.

A brisk stroll away, the beach is ready and waiting for your swimming and surfing, or just plain combing, pleasure. Join the cast of anglers on the jetty, or pull up a rock and take in the salty scene.

Restaurants and Provisions

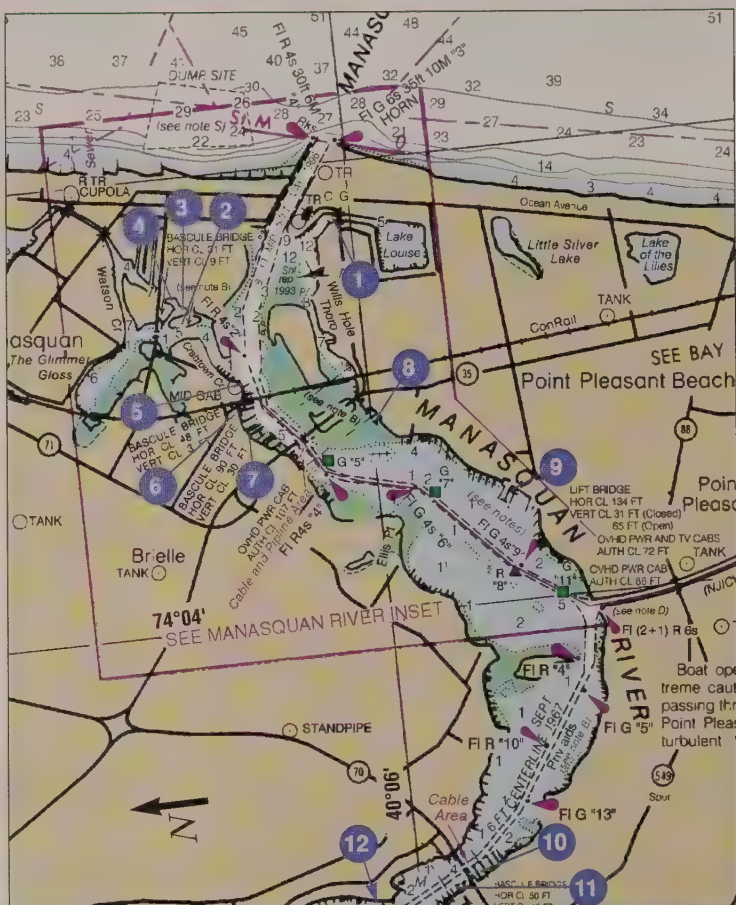
In Brielle on the northern shore of the Manasquan River, just inside the inlet, there's a good selection for the hungry boater within walking distance. Hit ground at Union Landing (908-528-6665) for a plateful of Neptune's bounty cooked up fresh from the sea. Or twirl your fork at Garruzzo's Inn (908-528-5464), where they serve Italian dishes just like Mama's. Mariners Cove (908-528-6023) presents a little of everything on a menu that's sure to please the whole crew.

When the larder's looking bare, walk a mile or so to the Shop-Rite supermarket. There's a farm stand across the street, and you'll pass a pharmacy and post office along the way.

Navigation and Anchorages

Manasquan Inlet

To pick up the inlet from the Atlantic, key into Fl R 4s BELL R "2M," about 1nm south-east of the inlet. The water is deep all the way into the mouth of the inlet, protected by jetties on both sides and marked by the



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Here it is: the railroad bascule bridge on the Manasquan River in Brielle—the start of New Jersey's waterway. © Mary Jane Hayes

DOCKAGE		SERVICES		SUPPLIES		AMENITIES		See page 237	



Fishing on the erojack jettie, Manasquan Inlet. © Embassy

Fl R 4s 30ft 6M "4" light on the north and the Fl G 6s 35ft 10M HORN "3" light on the south. Past the jetties, the channel narrows to about 150 feet wide, with an average depth of 6.5 feet—it's easy to run aground if you stray from the channel.

Although this is generally a trouble-free inlet, swells at the mouth can test your boat-handling skills. Severe storms can also create new shoals outside the inlet faster than the chart-makers can make charts. About 1nm inland, you'll come across the first of two bridges, a railroad bascule bridge with only 3 feet of clearance when closed. Take special care passing this bridge—the current can be very swift, and the opening is narrow. Remember, vessels traveling with the current have right-of-way. Just past that is the Route 35 Bascule Bridge with 30 feet of clearance. You'll find transient facilities on the north side of the river, in the area of the bridges.

Manasquan River and ICW

The Manasquan River is the northern extreme of New Jersey's Intracoastal Waterway, or ICW. Heed the channel markers here. A little more than 2nm inland, the entrance to the **Point Pleasant Canal** and the rest of the New Jersey ICW is found east of Fl(2+1) R 6s light on the southern shore of the river. Bypassing the New Jersey ICW, you can continue west up the Manasquan River where you'll find more transient facilities, including Crystal Point Yacht Club.

ICW from the south

From the south, pick up the Point Pleasant Canal east of Q R "2." Watch your wake through the canal; the speed limit is 5mph. You'll pass under two lift bridges, each with a closed vertical clear-

ance of at least 30 feet and a maximum of 65 feet when opened. The current can really get ripping through here. Combine that with little room to maneuver and you may want to wait for slack tide to traverse the canal.

When you reach Fl(2+1) R 6s at the northern mouth of the canal, you can head in either direction for transient facilities.

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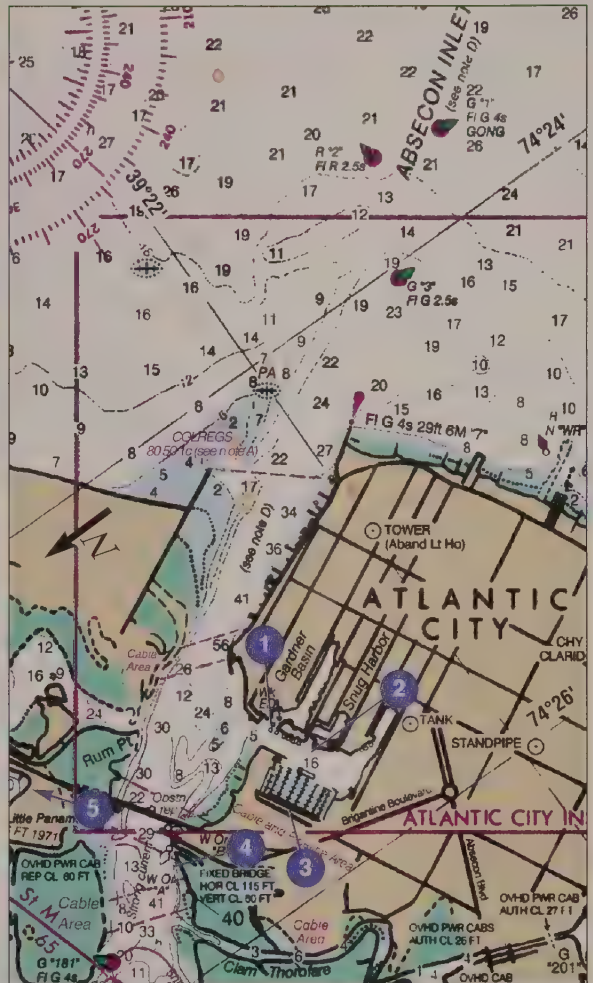
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We bet you'll agree that a trip to Atlantic City is worth the gamble.
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When Dr. Jonathan Pitney and a few other investors began development of Atlantic City on Absecon Island in 1852, the vision that they held was one of a "bathing village and health resort." In a way it has become exactly that—although the more than 50 bathing beauties who compete annually for the crown of Miss America may not be quite what they had in mind.

Everyone is aware of Atlantic City's status as a gambling destination. In addition to being the home of the Miss America Pageant, this city now boasts 13 world-renowned casinos and is embarking on a multi-billion-dollar project intended to turn it into a world-class "meeting destination." Thousands of new hotel rooms are being added to the already gigantic resort casinos, a new boulevard is planned, and thousands of square feet of exhibition space is being built in the new Convention Center. Atlantic City is going for gold, and if you hit the jackpot, you may be on your way as well.



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What To See and Do

Whether you're a gambler or not, one thing is for sure: the urge to splurge cannot be ignored. Dazzling casinos beckon you from every direction, with designer stores tucked in between.

Rent a rolling chair or take a stroll down the 4.5 mile boardwalk. If you're looking to strike it rich, mosey on into Bally's Park Place (609-340-2000) where you'll encounter goldiggers of every shape and size—it's bound to pan out for somebody.

At the northern end of the boardwalk stands the Absecon Lighthouse, currently undergoing renovation. Visit Lucy, the six-story Elephant (609-822-6519), at the southern end of the Boardwalk in Margate. Built in 1881, the 65-foot structure and historic landmark is filled with interesting tidbits sure to entertain the family.

Of course, there's the beach—miles of white sand mirroring the casinos and boardwalk. In the summertime, sand-castles spring up overnight, some grand enough for a queen or at least Miss America, crowned every September at the Atlantic City Convention Hall (609-345-7571).

For those who like to preen the green—fairways that is—there are 23 golf courses in the Atlantic City area. Contact the Greater Atlantic City Golf Association (800-GOLF-22) for more information. If you'd like to find out more about the happenings in Atlantic City, call the Atlantic City Convention & Visitors Authority (609-348-7100).

Restaurants and Provisions

With the many casinos in town, you'll be flooded with dining options. The buffet at Fantasea Reef at Harrah's Casino (609-441-5000) swims fins above the rest, according to local sources. Also in Harrah's are the Steak House, offering steak well-done—and done well; Andreotti's, featuring specialties from southern and northern Italy, and The William Fisk Seafood Company, with a colorful array of tasty selections, including rainbow trout.

For a quick bite by the boat, grab some spicy chicken wings or a custom pizza at the Deck at Captains (800-876-4386) at Farley State Marina, part of Trump Marina. Also at Trump Marina, enjoy steak and seafood at Harbor View, pasta, pizza and a multitude of grilled items at the Upstairs Grille, or exquisite Chinese dishes at Imperial Court. Dinghy across the harbor to Gardners Basin, where the Flying Cloude Cafe (609-345-8222) will make you dizzy with their selection of fresh seafood and steaks.

The boardwalk has every kind of cuisine you can crave, from strictly vegetarian stands to zesty salsa dishes. You can't miss at Dock's Oyster House (609-345-0092), close to the boardwalk, for a casual but impeccably prepared seafood meal.

In search of an ATM? Just duck into any casino and you'll find a tribe of them. Groceries are a short cab ride north over the Brigantine bridge.

Navigation and Anchorages

Absecon Inlet

The well-marked Absecon Inlet is one of the better inlets along New Jersey's coast, especially in inclement weather. From any direction, pick up Fl G 4s GONG G "1" and Fl R 2.5s R "2" about 1nm southeast of the inlet. From the buoys, head through the jetties marked by the Fl G 4s 29ft 6M "7" light to the south.

The channel is deep and fairly wide, though you don't want to get too close to the northern jetty; shallow water extends to its south. About 1nm inland a basin opens to the south—your access to a handful of transient facilities and Atlantic City.

Farther inland you'll pass under a fixed bridge with 60 feet of vertical clearance. Be wary of strong currents under the bridge. About 0.5nm past the bridge you have two choices: head north on the ICW at Fl G 4s G "181" light, or head south on the ICW at Q R 15ft "182" light.

ICW from the north

From Great Bay, the ICW takes you on a 7nm meandering journey south toward Absecon Inlet. Stay true to the channel as marsh and shallows surround it. At Fl G 4s G "181" light (SM 65) you have the option of turning southeast, toward the transient facilities in Atlantic City, or head southwest toward the Q R 15ft "182" light to continue south on the ICW. If you choose to head south, watch for shoaling around this light.

ICW from the south

From SM 70, you pass under four bridges on your way to Absecon Inlet, all of which can be opened. At SM 70, the Albany Avenue Bascule Bridge has 10 feet of vertical clearance when closed. Less than a mile away, a fixed bridge with 35 feet of clearance is immediately followed by the Railroad Bascule Bridge which has but 5 feet when closed. After several near-hairpin turns, you'll come across the Absecon Boulevard Bascule Bridge at SM 67.7, with 20 feet of clearance. At Q R 15ft "182" light you can continue on the ICW or head southeast to Atlantic City and the Absecon Inlet.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

Coast Guard: All stations monitor VHF 16

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As one of the first resorts in the country, Cape May has witnessed the evolution of swimsuit fashion—from concealing bathing costumes complete with shoes and hats to striped woolen “Grand-dad” numbers to French bikinis to thongs for both genders. In fact, men and women were not allowed to swim together in the early days.

In the mid-19th century, a devastating series of fires destroyed most of the town. But then came the dawn of the Victorian era, and builders outdid each other with lavish gingerbread in mirthful colors. Soon after this ornate rebuilding, the summer buzz slowed down in

Activities are there for the taking, but with the town's easy atmosphere, you won't feel pressured into participating if R-and-R is your main goal. Play some mini-golf, poke around at the mall, sun yourself, or just take a stroll and



Victorian-style cottages gleam in Cape May Harbor's evening light. © Embassy

		DOCKAGE				SERVICES				SUPPLIES				AMENITIES			
		Number of Berths	Working VHF Channel	Monitors VHF Channel	Seasonal / Year-round	Approach Depth in Feet at MLW	Dockside Depth in Feet at MLW	Maximum LOA	Hookups: Fresh Water / 110V ★ 220V ▲ 3 Phase	Ramp / Lift / Crane / Phone / Cable TV	Repairs: Propeller / Sail / Rigging / Electronics	Diesel / Wood / Fiberglass / Launch Service	Rebels: Propeller / Sail / Rigging / Electronics	Marine / Groceries / Ice / Bait / LPG / CNG	Restrooms / Showers / Fuel Brand	Public Phone / Restaurant / Snack Bar	MasterCard / VISA / Discover / AmEx
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10	Cape May Marine	609-884-0262	9	14	15	Y	70	12	7	F	★▲50	All	L25	PGDFE	GD	Gulf	MGIB
11	Miss Chris Marina	609-884-3351			2	Y	65	8	8	F	★▲50				GD	Mob	IB

Information in these listings is provided by the facilities themselves. An asterisk (*) indicates that the facility did not respond to our most recent requests for information. Refer to the tables at the end of this chapter for additional facilities

admire the architecture, especially the big, Victorian porches that bring yesteryear into crisp focus.

Restaurants and Provisions

Even if you don't venture into town, you'll have your pick of eateries harborside. Dock Mike's Pancake House (609-884-2855), at South Jersey Marina, churns out flapjacks all day, but you can get sandwiches and platters as well. Lobster House (609-884-8296) offers fine waterside dining along Fishermen's Wharf. You can also purchase the catch of the day here if you'd rather stick to your own galley. For provisioning, a large Wa-Wa convenience store is just a few minutes' walk from the harbor.

Head toward town for more eateries, souvenir stands and such. Away from town, it's a short cab ride over the bridge to shopping plazas containing everything under the sun.

Navigation and Anchorages

Cape May Inlet

The Cape May Inlet is one of the safest along the New Jersey coast. Pick up Fl R 2.5s BELL R "2CM" southeast of the inlet and head through the jetties marked by the Fl R 4s 30ft 6M "4" light to the north, and the Fl G 4s 20ft 5M HORN "5" light to the south. When the wind and tide conspire just right, they produce the "inlet effect"—a disturbing chop in the area around the breakwaters and out a considerable distance.

Once past Sewell Point, the inlet's channel intercepts the ICW at the Fl(2+1) R 6s "C" light. Leave this mark to your north and head west, following the marked channel to Cape May Harbor. Or you can head northeast up the ICW.

ICW from the north

From SM 110 at the Fl R 2.5s "470" light, the channel to Cape May Inlet is fairly deep and straight, a change from the winding channel to the north.

On the eastern side of the ICW, **Sunset Lake** is a fine anchorage with plenty of depth. In summer, it's a popular spot for PWCs, so don't expect peace and quiet. To enter Sunset Lake, leave Q G "465," west of Ephraim Island, to your south and head for Fl G "1." Southwest of Fl G "3," choose your anchoring spot in 15 feet of water.

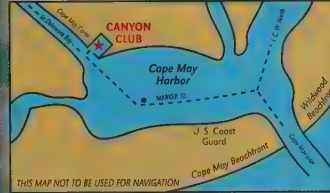
Continuing south on the ICW, just northeast of joining the Cape May Inlet channel, you'll cross under a bascule bridge with 23 feet of clearance. At Fl (2+1) R 6s "C" light, you can head southeast out Cape May Inlet or southwest into Cape May Harbor.

Cape May Harbor

Cape May Harbor is an important port for those heading to Delaware Bay and for those coming from the ocean—it's the last convenient refueling and reprovisioning stop until you hit the C&D Canal. The harbor itself is fairly shallow, so stick to the channel. You can anchor southeast of the Coast Guard Station, but keep an eye on your depth-sounder.

Where to Stay in Cape May

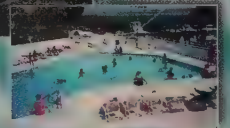
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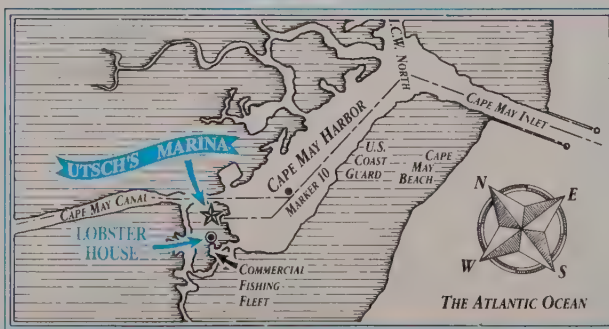
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This good-sized crowd enjoys a September morn aboard the *Delta Lady* in Cape May Harbor. © Embassy

Facilities including Canyon Club Resort Marina, at the mouth of Cape May Inlet, can be found along the harbor's northern shore and at the head of the harbor in **Schellenger Creek**. Enter the creek between G "1" and R "2." Here you'll find Utsch's Marina and South Jersey Marina, as well as some dining options.

CAUTION: A fairly swift current in the creek can make for tricky docking.

Take the north fork at the Fl R 2.5s "10" light to the start of the Cape May Canal leading to Delaware Bay. Head west-northwest toward the Fl R 4s "14" light and the eastern entrance of the canal entrance.

Cape May Canal

The best route to the Delaware Bay is through the **Cape May Canal**. The Cape May Canal was dug during World War II as a place to escape from German U-boats and avoid rounding the exposed cape into Delaware Bay. Controlling depth is 6 feet for a good portion of the canal. Stay on the right side of the channel and watch for ships. Vessels traveling with the current have the right of way, except for small pleasure craft that must yield to commercial vessels. It is best to travel on a favorable tide as the current reaches 2 to 3 knots. Sailing is forbidden and there's no anchoring allowed. Notify the traffic dispatcher (410-885-5622) if you have any problems.

Just as you enter the canal, you'll pass under a 55-foot-high fixed bridge. The railroad swing bridge is another 0.75nm farther along and remains open—it's no longer in use. A third bridge, fixed with 55 feet of clearance, is directly west of the railroad bridge.

At the western end of the canal, on the north side, you'll find a ferry terminal. Slow down to 5mph when passing the terminal and watch out for incoming ferries—they use much of the channel when entering.

Coming from Delaware Bay, head for Fl R 2.5s BELL "8" just outside of the canal's western entrance.

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Coast Guard: All stations monitor VHF 16

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		Number of Transient Berths	Working VHF Channel	Monitor's VHF Channel	Seasonal / Year-round	Approach Depth in Feet at MLW	Dockside Depth in Feet at MLW	Maximum LOA	Hookups: Fresh Water / Phone / Cable TV	110V* 220V▲ 3 Phase	Rail / Lift / Crane / Trailer / Launch Service	Repairs: Propeller / Sail / Rigging / Electronics	Diesel / Wood / Fiberglass / Capacity (tons)	Gas / Diesel Fuel	Restrooms / Showers / Ice Bait / LPG / CNG	Marine Groceries / Fuel Brand	Public Phone / Restaurant / Snack Bar	Hotel / Pool / Tennis / Pumpout / Golf				
Raritan Bay to Keansburg																						
1	Lockwood Boat Works	732-721-1605	72	91	3		Y	55	5	6	F	★30		L35	All	GD		MIC	All		P	All
1	Morgan Marina	732-721-2290			10	3	Y	40	15	10	F	★30	DL	LC25	All	G		MIB	RP		P	MVD
1	Vikings Marina	732-566-5961			45		Y	45	6	6	FP	★	L	L	PGF	G		I	RS		P	MV
1	Zuback's Marina	732-727-3953			2		Y	40	15	15	F	★▲50	R	R37	PGDFE			MIB	R			MVA
2	Hans Pedersen & Sons	732-264-0971	16		5		S	50		6	F	★30	All	CL30	All	GD	Cit	MIB	RSP		P	All
2	Keyport Marine Basin	732-264-9421			4		S	32	5.5	5	F	★30	R	L10	RP	G	Cit	All	All		All	MVD
2	Lentze Marina*	732-787-2139																				
2	Seaboard Marine	732-264-8910			2		Y	28	6	6	F	★20	R	T5	RGWF			I	RS		P	MVA
2	Wagner's Twin Towers Marina	732-583-6930	16	9	10		S	40	6+	6+	F	★30	RL	T15	PGDFE	G		MIB	All		All	All
Port Monmouth to Sandy Hook Bay																						
3	Atlantic Highlands Municipal Marina	732-291-1100	16	9	15	6	S	140	15	9	F	▲50	All	LT50		GD		MGIBL	All	T	All	MV
3	Bahrs Landing & Marina BOAT/U.S. SEA/TOW	732-872-1245			40	3	Y	110	15	10						G	Mob				All	
3	Captain's Cove Marina	732-872-1177			5		S	38	6.5	6.5	F	★30	R						RS		PR	
3	Gateway Marina*	732-787-2212																				
3	Leonardo State Marina	732-291-1333	16	9	2		Y	44	6	6	FP	★30	R			GD		GIB	RSP		All	
3	Marina on the Bay Yacht Club*	732-872-9300			10							★30		L12		GD		I	RS		R	
3	Monmouth Cove Marina	732-495-4440	69	69	2+		Y	40	7	5	F	★30		L30		G		I	RSP		P	
3	Sandy Hook Bay Marina*	732-872-1450																				
3	The Skippers' Shop BOAT/U.S.	732-872-0367	16		2+		Y			10			L	L	PRG DWF	GD		MIB	P		R	MVA
Shrewsbury River and Navesink River																						
4	Channel Club Marina	732-222-7717	9		1		Y	100	8	6	All	★▲50	R	L60	All	GD	Tex	MI	RSP	P	All	MVA
4	Covesail Marina BOAT/U.S.	732-842-5319			15		S	45	13	13	F	★30		C30	PRWFE				RS		All	MV
4	Fairbanks Marina & Motel	732-842-8450			2		S	40	10	6	F	★▲							RSL	HP	All	All
4	Fairhaven Yacht Works	732-747-3010	16	9	3	1	Y	45	8	6	FP	★	DL	L15	All			MI	RSP		P	All
4	Irwin's Marine	732-741-0003	16	72	10		Y	110	6	6	All	★▲100		L25	PWFE			MI	RSP	PT	All	All
4	Mariner's Emporium*	732-870-2542																				
4	Molly Pitcher Inn/Marina	732-747-2500	9	72	10		S	65	4	6	FC	★▲50						I	RSP	HP	PR	MVA
4	Navesink Marina*	732-842-3700																				
4	Oceanic Marina	732-842-1194	16	68	2		S	52	8	8	F		D	L	RP			MIB	RSP		S	MVA
4	Oceanport Landing	732-229-4466			2		Y	55	6	5	FP	★▲50		L30	PWFE			MI	RSP		P	MV
4	Pleasure Bay Yacht Basin	732-222-8563	16		2		Y	45	11	6	F	★▲30		L30	PGD WFE			MI	RSL		P	MY

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*Tip of Hook
into pier*

*Novel station
prior
stone break water
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DOCKAGE

SERVICES

SUPPLIES

AMENITIES



MasterCard / VISA / Discover / AmEx
Public Phone / Restaurant / Snack Bar
Hotel / Pool / Tennis / Golf
Laundry / Pumpout
Fuel Brand
Gas / Diesel Fuel
Restrooms / Showers / Ice / Bath / LPG / CNG
Marine Groceries / Electronics
Repairs / Propeller / Sail / Rigging / Gas
Diesel / Wood / Fiberglass / Electronics
Ramp / Dinghy Dock / Launch Service
Rail / Lift / Crane / Phone / Cable TV
110V * 220V * 3 Phase
Hookups: Fresh Water / Phone / Cable TV
Docks: Depth in Feet at MLW
Approach Depth in Feet at MLW
Maximum LOA
Seasonal / Year-round
Number of Transient Moorings
Working VHF Channel
Monitors VHF Channel

Shark River Inlet to Manasquan Inlet (see also Manasquan Harbor Highlight)

5	A.P.'s Inlet Marina	732-681-3303			21	S	35	10	8	F	★		C20	PGDFE	GD	Gulf		R		P	All
5	Belmar Marina	732-681-2266			25	Y	45	5	5	FP	★★▲50	R			GD		IBL	RP	PR	MVD	
5	Bry's Marine	732-775-7364			1+	S	35	6	5	F	★	R	LT15	GF				R		P	MVD
5	Shark River Hills Marina	732-775-7400			10	Y	45	6	6		★30		L15	PGDF			MIB	RS		All	All
5	Total Marine at Seaview	BOAT/U.S. 732-775-7842	16	65	12	Y	45	15	6	F	★★▲50	L	L12	All				RSP	H	All	MV

Point Pleasant Canal to Mantoloking

6	Arnold's Yacht Basin	732-892-3000			10		Y	60	5	5	F	★▲50	All	L50	PGDW	G	Mob	MI	RSP		All	
6	Johnson Brothers Boat Works	732-892-9000	16	9			Y	140	6	6	All	★▲50	L	R100	All			All	RSL	P	P	MVA
6	Point Pleasant Yacht & Fishing Club*	732-295-8543																				
6	Trader's Cove Marina*	732-295-2500																				
6	Winter Yacht Basin	SEA/TOW 732-477-6700	16	15		Y	90	6	6	All	★▲50		RL 75	PSRG DWFE	GD	Gulf	MI	All		P	MV	

Metedeconck River

7	Baywood Marina*	BOAT/U.S. 732-477-3322		2+				4				L	L		GD		M			
7	Green Cove Marina*	732-840-9090																		
7	Johnson Boat Basin	732-840-9530		5	Y	37	4	4	FC	★30		L15	PGFE	G		MI	RSP	P	PR	MV
7	Sails Aweigh	732-477-3252		6	Y	35	4	4	FPC			L20	PSRG DWF			M	RS		All	
7	Sherman's Boat Basin	732-295-0103	9	2	Y	40	5	5	F	30	R	T9.5	PGWF			MIB	RSP		All	
7	Wehrten Brothers Marina	732-899-3505		200	Y	60	6	6	All	★30	L	L40	PDFE				All		All	

Silver Bay and Northern Barnegat Bay

8	Silver Bay Marina*	732-270-3767																				
9	Ocean Beach Marina	732-793-7460	16	9	20		S	50	5	6	All	★	RD	L7	SGFE	G	Mob	MIB	RSP		P	All
9	Pelican Harbor Marina*	732-793-1700																				
9	Wheel House Marina	732-793-3296	16	68	6		S	27	3	3	F	★	R	T5	G			MIB	RSP		R	MV

Toms River

10	Barnegat Bay Boat Sales	732-929-1700			10	Y	40	4	6	All	★		L15	GF				RS		P	All
10	Dillon's Creek Marina	732-270-8541	72	2		Y	45	6	6	All	★30		LC20				MI	All		P	MV
10	Good Luck Point Marina*	732-269-3700																			
10	Hobby Lobby Marine	732-929-1711		5+		Y		5	5	All	★		LC					RS		P	All
10	Lighthouse Point Marina & Yacht Club	732-340-6600	77	77	75	Y	75	6	7	All	★▲50	L	L60	All			GIB	RSL	P	All	All
10	Nelson Marine Basin	732-270-0022		10		Y	40	5	5	F	★	RL	L25	PSRG DWF				RSP	T	P	MV
10	Ocean Gate Yacht Basin	732-269-2565		20		Y	60	6	8	All	★▲50	R	L35	PSRG DFE	GD	Gulf	MI	RSP		P	All
10	Pier 1 Restaurant, Hotel & Marina	732-270-0914		20		Y	80	6	7+	All	★▲30						IB	RSP	H	All	All
10	River Bank Marina*	732-244-2106		2							★▲30		L12	GDWF	GD		MI	RSP		S	
10	Santo Marine	732-269-2730		10		Y	45	6	5	F	★50	D	L20					R		P	
10	Stump Creek Slipways	732-269-3897		10		S	47	5	5	F	★30		L25	PSRWF			MI	RS		P	

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DOCKAGE		SERVICES		SUPPLIES		AMENITIES		Public Phone / Restaurant / Snack Bar		Hotel / Pool / Tennis / Golf		Fuel Brand		LPG / CNG		MasterCard / VISA / Discover / AmEx		See page 237	
		Marine Facilities and Services				All Coast Guard Stations Monitor VHF Channel 16													
Cedar Creek to Laurel Harbor																			
11	Cedar Creek Sailing Center/Marina	732-269-1351	16	78	2	S	43	6	6	F	★30	D	L2	PSR DWF		MI	RS	P	MV
11	Downes Fishing Camp	732-269-0137	16		6	Y	30	3	2			RL	T4		G	MGIB	RSP	PS	MVD
11	Lanoka Harbor Marina	609-693-2674			10	S	50	5	5	All	★50	L	L	PGDFE	GD	Gulf	MIB	RSP	MVD
11	Laurel Harbor Marina	609-693-6112			12	S	40	4	4	All	★30	RL	L15	GD	G	MIB	RSP	P	MVD
11	Ocean Beach Marina South*	609-693-2347																	
11	Trixie's Landing	732-269-5838				S	25	2	1.5			R			G	MIB	RS	P	MVD
Forked River																			
12	Cape Island Marina & Yacht Sales BOAT/U.S.	609-693-3300	16	68	20	Y	70	6.5	7	All	★▲50	All	L40	All	GD	Mob	MIB	All	PT
12	Forked River State Marina	609-693-5045	16	9	5	Y	50	6+	6+	All	★30						All		P
12	Grant Boat Works	609-971-1075				Y	80	7	7	F	★▲30	RL70	PGDWF				M	RS	
12	Holiday Harbor Marina	609-693-2217	16	68	8	Y	50	5	7	All	★▲50	L25	PGD WFE	GD	Gulf	MGIB	All	P	MV
12	Rick's Marina* BOAT/U.S.	609-693-2134			2+				5			L	L				M		
12	River Lights Marina*	609-693-8176					48				★▲50		GDWF				MI	RS	S
12	Sanborn Marine	609-693-3184			10	Y	30	6	6	F	★	L9	GDF	G			RSP		MVD
12	Silver Cloud Harbor Marina BOAT/U.S.	609-693-2145			3	S	5	6	6	All		D	LT	RGDF	GD	Mob	MIB	All	P
12	Southwinds Harbour Marina	609-693-6288	17	17	5	Y	45			All	★▲30	All	LT	PSRGF	GD	Mob	MIB	All	P
12	Ted & Sons Forked River Marina	609-693-2185			5	Y	40	7	5	F	★20	L10	PRG DWF				M	RS	MVD
12	The Berth Place Marina	609-693-9423	71		31	Y	55	8	6	All	★▲	All	LT30	PGWFE	G		MGIBL	All	All
12	The Marina at Tall Oaks BOAT/U.S.	609-693-2145			10	S	45	6	6	All		D	LT	RGDF			MIB	All	P
12	Townsend's Marina	609-693-6100			10	Y	40	15	5	FC	★▲	RL	L15	PSWF			I	RSP	P
12	Waretown Fishing Station	609-693-2813	16		4	Y	25	5	5	F	★30			G			IB	R	R
12	Wilbert's Marina	609-693-2145			1	S	60	6	6	All	50						MIB	All	P
Barnegat Inlet																			
13	Barnegat Light Yacht Basin	609-494-2369			3	S	45			F	▲				D		R		P
13	High Bar Harbor Yacht Club BOAT/U.S.	609-494-8801	16	9	5	S	60	6	6	All	★▲50						I	All	P
13	Lighthouse Marina*	609-494-2305																	
14	Bob's Bay Marina	609-698-7264	16	68	3	S	36	8	8	FC	★30	R	L12	PGD	G		MIB	RS	P
14	Captain Brownies Seafood	609-698-7464			3	S	30	3	1	F	★▲40		T2						
14	Sun Harbor Marina*	609-698-2116																	
Long Beach to Manahawkin Bay																			
15	Surf City Marina	609-494-2200	16	68	4	Y	40	15	4+		★30	L	G	G	Cit	MI	RS		All
16	Hagler's Marina*	609-494-4509			2						★15		GDWF	G		MI	RS		
16	Hochstrassers Marina	609-494-5340			4	Y	40	20	15	F	★	L	C5	GE	G	Gulf		R	MV
16	Island Marina*	609-361-1400			2						★30	L25	GDWF			MI	RS		S
16	Margo's Inn	609-597-8909	16		10	Y	35	6	6	F	★50	All	LT15	GWFE	G	Cit	All	All	H
16	Mariner's Marina / Sailboat Marina	609-698-1222			2+	Y	40	7	7.5	F	★	L25	PSRG DFE			MGI	RSP		PR

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**Marine Facilities
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		DOCKAGE		SERVICES								SUPPLIES				AMENITIES											
				110V+ 220V▲ 3 Phase■ Maximum Amps	Hookups: Fresh Water/ Phone / Cable TV	Rail / Lift / Crane / Trailer Capacity (tons)	Repairs: Propellor / Sail / Rigging / Electronics	Marine Groceries / Ice / Bait / LPG / CNG	Restrooms / Showers / Laundry / Pumpout	Public Phone / Restaurant / Snack Bar	Hotel / Pool / Tennis / Golf	MasterCard / VISA / Discover / AmEx	See page 237														
		Approach Depth in Feet at MLW	Dockside Depth in Feet at MLW	Maximum LOA	Seasonal / Year-round	Number of Transient Moorings	Working VHF Channel	Monitors VHF Channel	Gas / Diesel Fuel	Fuel Brand																	
16	Sunset Marina	609-361-1400		8	Y	44	4	3.5	FC	★30	R	L25	PGFE	G													
16	West Creek Marina	609-296-2715		10	S	30	2.5	2.5	FC	▲30	L	C5															
Beach Haven and Little Egg Harbor																											
17	Eastern Marine*	BOAT/U.S. 609-492-1118		2+				5			L	L															
17	Escape Harbor*	609-492-9108																									
17	Mordecai Boat Basin	609-492-5201	16	22	5	S	25	4	4	F		L	L	RG	G	Tex	IB	R									
17	Morrison's Beach Haven Marina	SEA/TOW 609-492-2150	16	68	10	Y	60	5	5	FC	★★50		L30	PGD	GD	Gulf	MGIB	All									
17	Penna's Marina*	609-492-0191																									
17	Shelter Harbor Marina	609-492-8645	16	68	25	25	S	60	7	7	All	★▲	D														
17	Sportsman's Marina	609-492-7931	16	14	3	Y	110	6	6	F	★30		L25	PRGDFE	G	Gulf		RSP									
Little Egg Inlet to Mullica River																											
18	Allen's Dock	609-296-5660	72	2	S	30	5	5	F	★		L	PGFE	G	Gulf	MGIC	R										
18	Bass River Yachting	609-296-2388	68	26	Y	60	14	8	All	★30		L50	PSR GDF	GD	Tex	IB	All	P	PS	MV							
18	Cedar Cove Marina*	609-296-2066	16	9						★▲		C10		GD			MIB	RS									
18	Great Bay Marina*	SEA/TOW 609-296-2392																									
18	Sea Village Marina LLC	609-641-2699	10	10	3	Y	50	10	7	All	★★50	L	CL	PFE			MIB	All	P	P	MVA						
18	Sheltered Cove Marina*	BOAT/U.S. 609-296-9100		2+				5				L	L				M	PR		R							
18	Skinner's Marina	609-296-3051		2+	S				F		RL	L7		G	Gulf	IB	RS										
19	Chestnut Neck Boat Yard	SEA/TOW 609-652-1119	9	9	5	S	30	30	10			RL	L50	PGDF	GD	Gulf	MIB	R		PS	All						
19	Sweetwater Casino Marina	609-965-3285		12		50			All				G	G		I	RS		All	All							
Little Bay to Great Egg Inlet (see also Atlantic City)																											
20	Deebold Boat Yard	609-266-3214	16	80	4	Y	40	20	18	F	★30		L8	GWf	G	Gulf	MIB	R									
21	Bay Club Marina*	BOAT/U.S. 609-487-1000		2+				6									M										
21	Campbell Marine	609-641-0489		5	Y	35	4	3	F	★30	L	L10	PGF	G	Gulf	MIB	RS			P	All						
21	Cape Island Marina & Yacht Sales	609-927-8886	16	68	20	Y	70	6.5	7	All	★★50	All	L40	All	GD	Mob	MIB	All	PT	All	All						
21	Captain Andy's Fishing Center	609-822-0916	16	68	2	S	60	25	25	F	★30	D			GD	Coas	MIB	RP		P	All						
21	Harbour Cove Marina	609-927-6513	16	68	25	Y	65	12	7	All	★★▲50	L	L30	All	GD	Cit	MGIB	RSP	P	All	MVD						
21	Seaview Harbor Marina*	609-823-2626																									
22	Harbor House Hotel & Marina*	609-399-8585			S	45																					
22	Home Port Marina	609-398-8400	16	68	2		40	15	7	F																	
Great Egg Harbor to Townsend Inlet																											
23	Commander's Landing Marina	609-927-3627	9	72	5	S	35	3.5	3.5	F	★30	RL	L20	PRGFE	G	Gulf	MIB	RSP		PS	All						
23	Shady River Marina	609-625-9428		2	Y	34	5	5	F	★30	R	T3.5	PRGFE	G	Gulf	IB	RS		S	All							
23	Thompson Marine & Engine Inc.	609-927-2415	16	68	16	Y	50	6	6	F	★★30	L	LT35	All													
24	All Seasons Marina	BOAT/U.S. 609-390-1850		30	S	40	4	4	FC	★50	L	L35	G	GD			MIB	RSP		PS	All						
25	Deauville Inn*	609-263-2080																									
26	Minmar Marine	SEA/TOW 609-263-2201	16	68	10	Y	45	6	6	F	★★30	L	L30	PRGFE	G			MIB	RSP								

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Tiny it may be, but Delaware boasts a shoreline bordered by three major bodies of water—the Atlantic Ocean, Delaware Bay, and the Delaware River, which is connected to the Chesapeake Bay via the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal. With 86.3nm of shoreline, it's no surprise that the residents of Delaware take to recreational boating. Add to that the thousands of out-of-state fishermen and boaters who haul their boats here and you have one busy coast.

The Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, or C&D Canal, forms a protected shortcut that is an important slice of the Intracoastal Waterway. At 19sm long with a controlling depth of 35 feet, the canal stretches from Reedy Point in Delaware to Welch Point in Maryland.

Wherever you travel in Delaware, be aware that only select areas have facilities for cruisers. So enjoy the Delaware shores as you cruise by, but plan your stays accordingly. Also keep in mind that you are likely to meet large commercial ships while transiting the canal or the ship channel in Delaware Bay and Delaware River. In all cases, there's ample room to pass; just stay out of the way.

Cape May to the C&D Canal

Don't let Delaware's size fool you; the bay can be downright nasty. Strong currents mixing with even stronger winds can make the bay "seem like it's 400 miles long," one local boater told us. Making the trip even more unpleasant is the lack of viable harbors for you to wait out a blow. The well-marked main shipping channel runs in a north-northwest direction through the center of the bay and is heavily used by commercial traffic. It is not even necessary (or desirable) to stay in the channel. Instead, run just close enough on either side to read the numbers on the buoys.

Most cruisers transiting Delaware Bay are either headed toward or coming from the C&D Canal. From New Jersey, you'll have to round Cape May or traverse the Cape May Canal (see the New Jersey chapter for information on the canal). From the western mouth of the Cape May Canal, head approximately 321°m for nearly 15nm to enter Delaware Bay's main shipping channel just south of Miah Maull Shoal Light Fl 2.5s 23ft 7M, about 7nm due north of Cape Henlopen's northern tip.

Follow the well-marked channel to Q G GONG G "IN" about 0.8nm southeast of the C&D Canal entrance before turning northwest into the canal. From here, you can also continue north in the shipping channel to view the rest of Delaware River (which will be discussed later, along with Delaware's western shoreline). When approaching the canal, the area surrounding Reedy Island can get a bit confusing—especially at night—with all of the lights and buoys. Be careful not to stray too far west from the main channel; stay east of Iso 6s 6M light's red sector.



You're sure to see pilot boats like these along the C&D Canal.
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You'll find an anchorage just to the west of G C "27," in the shallower water of Reedy Island Bar. This is a good spot to wait for the flood tide to go into the C&D Canal, and it's far enough away from the shipping channel that no freighter is going to hit you. The only problem is it's not protected—at all—and the current can be fierce, so maintain an anchor watch to make sure you don't drag into the shipping channel.

The C & D Canal

West of the Salem River entrance in New Jersey is the C&D Canal, connecting Delaware Bay to Chesapeake Bay. Enter the canal between Q R 38ft 5M HORN "2" on the north jetty and the Q 38ft 6M "S" light on the south jetty. Be sure of the location of the jetties before entering—several boats each year run up on the rocks, which aren't easily visible at high tide or at night.

The 19.2-mile-long, 450-foot-wide canal is dredged to a standard operating depth of 35 feet. Built in 1829 as a 10-foot-wide barge canal, it originally had four locks, but when the federal government bought the waterway in 1919 they later converted it to a sea-level canal by removing the locks.

For safe passage through the canal, there are a few standard procedures you should follow: you must traverse the canal under power (no sailing); you must yield to all commercial vessels; and you may not anchor. There are traffic lights at Reedy Point and Old Town Point Wharf, on the Maryland end of the canal, and a dispatch office in Chesapeake City on the Maryland side of the canal that monitors VHF 13 to communicate with ships. With no locks, all is at sea level. However, the sea level at any given moment is not



Historic homes along the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal. © J.H. Peterson

the same at the east end as it is at the west end because of the differences in the tide. The canal is flooding when current is moving east toward the Delaware River. The normal high and low tides in the canal are greatly affected by strong winds. For instance, during a nor'easter the tide may rise 9 to 10 feet above normal throughout the canal.

Your journey through the canal requires less than 132 feet of vertical clearance to pass safely under the C&D Canal's five bridges. The canal is marked in statute miles from east to west. From east to west, you'll pass the Reedy Point Bridge (vertical clearance: 135 feet) at SM 1. At SM 4.5 is the St. Georges Fixed Bridge (vertical clearance: 135 feet), and at SM 5 you'll reach the new Route 1 Suspension Bridge (vertical clearance: 135 feet). This new bridge is brightly lit. At SM 7.7 is the Conrail Lift Bridge, which is normally opened with 138 feet of clearance. When closed, there's 45 feet of clearance. The Summit Fixed Bridge (vertical clearance: 132 feet) is at SM 9.7, and the Chesapeake City Bridge (vertical clearance: 135 feet) crosses the canal at SM 13.9.

About 7.5nm west of the canal's eastern entrance, 0.4nm west of the Conrail Lift Bridge, you'll come across Summit North Marina, on the north side of the canal. The marina's basin, built in 1966 during an attempt to straighten and widen the canal, is extremely well protected from currents and a 60-foot wooden bluff to the north blocks the wind. The channel leading to the turning basin is dredged to 12 feet and the approach is straightforward. The marina has transient slips and a tee-dock that can accommodate vessels up to 125 feet. The Summit Bridge Inn opened in 1997 and serves breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Once you cross into Maryland, your next and last stop on the C&D Canal is **Chesapeake City**. Sprawling across the Chesapeake City Bridge, the town runs along both the north and south shores of the canal. On the north side is Schaefer's Canal House restaurant, which has a long fuel dock on its bulkhead for transients. There is no protection from passing wakes, however, so adequate fenders are a must.

The town on the southern side of the canal has tasteful gift shops and historic buildings, one of which is the 1844 house in which author Jack Hunter wrote *The Blue Max*. On the water are the Bayard House and the Chesapeake Inn, both featuring fine dining and the latter having docks for its customers. A short walk into town you'll find the Taproom, where locals gather to consume bushels of the famous Chesapeake blue crabs. There is a large basin here known as **Engineers Cove**, which has been dredged to 15 feet. Small vessels are welcome to anchor here and there is free wharfage on the west side of the basin. To stay there more than 24 hours, just contact the canal dispatcher's office.

One of the most fascinating features of Chesapeake City is the C&D Canal Museum. Adjacent to the Army Corps of Engineers headquarters, the museum displays working models and old photographs of how barges and shallow-draft schooners were pulled through the original canal by mules. West of Chesapeake City, the canal eventually turns into Back Creek which runs into the Elk River and finally Chesapeake Bay. See the Maryland State Chapter for passage into Chesapeake Bay.

Delaware Bay: C & D Canal south to Lewes

As you exit the C&D Canal and head south into Delaware Bay, be sure to head east toward the shipping channel before turning south—the Reedy Island Bar shallows extend north to the canal's southern breakwater.

The channel slowly snakes to the southeast. To the west is marsh, and to the east you'll see the Salem Nuclear Power Plant on Artificial Island, which dominates the landscape in this region. There's no need to stick to the channel in this area, as the river is deep almost to the eastern shore.

Along the Liston Range, beginning at QG "1B," the bay widens and the channel buoys are not in adjacent pairs. About 6.5nm down the channel, after passing Fl R 6s R "4L," it is wise to get into the channel to avoid Arnold Point Shoal and some obstructions.

On the Delaware side of the bay is Bombay Hook Point and its namesake shoal (west of G C "5"). This is a 15,000-acre paradise for birds, such as heron, ibis, yellow legs, eagles and snowy egrets.

Less than 2nm south of Bombay Hook Point you'll come to Ship John Shoal Fl G 6s 50ft 12M HORN light, a brown octagonal dwelling with a steel walkway, on the east side of the channel. This is the first in a series of lighthouses that lead you down the main channel. About 5.6nm southwest of the light, at QR 5M "32," the Liston Range ends and the channel turns into the short Cross Ledge Range. Between Cross Ledge to the east and Joe Flogger Shoal to the west, sits the second of the lighthouses, the Elbow of Cross Ledge Iso 6s 61ft 11M HORN light. Local fishermen congregate near the lighthouse. East of the channel and Fl G 2.5s G "27" are the ruins of an abandoned lighthouse.

About 4.3nm southeast, east of the channel, is the third



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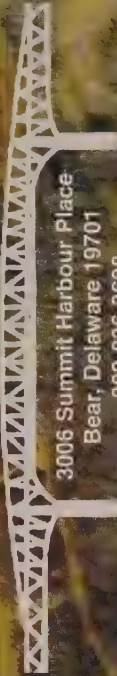
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lighthouse—the Miah Maull Shoal Oc 4s 59ft 12M HORN light. If you're going to the Cape May Canal, you can turn southeast and bear approximately 141°m.

On Delaware Bay's western shore, about 8.7nm west-southwest from Miah Maull Shoal light is **Bowers Beach**, a popular Delaware fishing port at the mouth of the **Murderkill River**. There's a strong current, but you can tie up there in an emergency. Head toward Fl G 4s 4M "1" light, east of the river's channel.

Continuing southeast in the main shipping channel you'll come across the Fourteen Foot Bank Fl(2) 20s 59ft 12M HORN light west of the channel and then the Brandywine Shoal Oc(2) 12s 60ft 13M HORN light on the east side. From south of Fl R 4s BELL R "12," west of Brandywine Shoal Light, head about 108°m and you're on your way to Fl R 2.5s BELL R "8" just west of the Cape May Canal. The canal is readily visible as you approach on a clear day because there are two black stone jetties that contrast with the white sand beaches on both sides. The canal entrance is 2nm north of Cape May Point and is marked by Fl G 2.5s 34ft 5M HORN "11" on the north, and by Fl R 4s 30ft 6M "10" on the south.

On the western side of Delaware Bay, west-southwest of Brandywine Shoal Light, is the entrance to the **Mispillion River**, marked by Fl R 4s 30ft 5M "2" light at the end of the north jetty and Fl G 4s 27ft 5M "1" light at the end of the south jetty. This is a narrow, winding river with some facilities that can be valuable in an emergency, but it is difficult to enter and should be avoided at low tide. The southern jetty has deteriorated and the outer part is not visible, but there are daymarkers on it. Boats entering should stay in the center heading for Mispillion Lighthouse Fl 4s 67ft 8M. There's a restaurant on pilings near the lighthouse, and transient facilities up the narrow, winding river as well as on Cedar Creek, near the river's mouth.

Farther down the western shore, **Cape Henlopen** marks the southern side of the mouth of Delaware Bay. At the southern entrance to the shipping channel, marked by Brown Shoal Fl 2.5s 23ft 7M light and Q G "WR9," head about 172°m for the mouth of the bay, about 7nm south. North of Cape Henlopen's tip is a breakwater that runs in a northwesterly direction. The breakwater is marked by Fl G 4s 40ft 6M light on its northern end and Fl 5s 72ft 20M HORN light on its southern end. To the west is the **Harbor of Refuge** between the inner and outer breakwaters. There is a gap of deep water between the tip of Cape Henlopen and the south end of the outer breakwater.

Southwest of the harbor is the entrance to **Roosevelt Inlet** marked by Fl R 4s 20ft "2" light to the west and Fl G 4s 21ft 5M "1R" light to the east. The inlet leads to the **Lewes and Rehoboth Canal**. The canal leads to the town of Lewes, pronounced "Lewis," which is an important little port for pleasure craft and fishermen.

The dredged entrance channel to Roosevelt Inlet is about 6 feet deep at low water. To the west, inside the inlet, is the mouth of the shallow Broadkill River. The canal is to the east side. Facilities of the University of Delaware's College of Marine Studies and of the Lewes Yacht Club are just inside the inlet, along with a U.S. Coast Guard substation.

The canal, which extends 8nm to Rehoboth Bay, leads to restaurants and docks in Lewes, where full services are available—fuel, repairs, hoist and railway, and supplies. Lewes is also a pleasant little city to visit, with shops and restaurants. The city was founded in 1631 as a Dutch settlement called Zwaanendael; a museum of that name deals with the early history.

East of the inlet, bordering Breakwater Harbor, is Lewes Beach, one of a string of resorts in lower Delaware. East of the beach area is the Delaware terminal of the Cape May-Lewes Ferry.

Breakwater Harbor is formed by the inner breakwater marked by Fl G 4s 28ft 6M "1" light on its western end and Iso 6s 4M light on its eastern end. It offers anchorage with protection from all directions, except the northwest. The depth is 7 feet and there are piers along the south shore. To the west is Cape Henlopen, with shallow water near the cape.

Returning to the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal, beyond the facilities at Lewes, the canal is shallow at several points, leaving it useful mainly to runabouts. The canal bends to the south and empties into Rehoboth Bay.

Instead of using the canal, swing out into the Atlantic and along Delaware's flat, southeastern coastline. When rounding Cape Henlopen, keep G C "7" and Fl G 2.5s GONG G "5" to your west to avoid Hen and Chickens Shoal.

Unless you need more than 25 feet of water underneath you, head about 197°m for 8.2nm to Fl G 2.5s GONG G "1" east of the Indian River Inlet entrance. Follow the entrance channel west, and you'll find two transient facilities on the north and south inside the entrance.

The inlet takes you into Indian River Bay. At its southeastern corner the bay gives way to White Creek. The creek runs south to the town of Oceanview, where you can pick up



This Cape Henlopen lighthouse demonstrates the beauty of simplicity. © J.H. Peterson

the Assawoman Canal. The canal, which leads to a transient facility, is rendered useless for most boats because of 10-foot-high and 4-foot-high fixed bridges.

The Delaware River

The only thing to see in the Delaware River north of the C&D Canal is Philadelphia, where you'll find several transient facilities and nautical attractions. If you want to head up there, stay to the eastern side of Bulkhead Shoal and Pea Patch Island Fl G 6s 5M "5N" light.

Even before you join the traffic in the main shipping channel, you can check out **Delaware City** just north of the canal's entrance. Head up the channel that travels west of Bulkhead Shoal and Pea Patch Island. It begins east of Fl(2+1) R 6s BELL R G "CD." The channel is deep, but don't attempt to cross the shoal—you're likely to run aground near Pea Patch. The state-run ferries take visitors across the river from Delaware City to Fort Delaware on weekends and holidays from April through September.

Located on **Pea Patch Island**, northeast of Delaware City, is **Fort Delaware**, a two-story structure. Built in 1859, the fort served to protect the ports of Wilmington and Philadelphia. During the Civil War, Confederate prisoners were held there, making the site a must-see for Civil War buffs.

The main channel up the Delaware River runs east of Pea Patch Island. The river is deep surrounding the channel, but don't stray too close to shore as it shallows in some places rather drastically. There are a few ranges that lead you upriver. Once again, you may want to stay outside the actual channel—it's busy with big commercial vessels. Beginning east of the C&D Canal, pick up the New Castle Range.

Just north of QR BELL R "2B," line up the three lights of the Bulkhead Bar Range, which you stay with for less than 1nm. Just south of Fl G 2.5s G "1D," pick up the Deepwater Point Range to the northeast. This range will take you past **New Castle** on the western shore. New Castle is a small city with a preserved riverfront historic area and many restaurants, stores and antique shops. While the town is faithfully preserved, and quite a sight, there are no docks.

The channel takes you between Pigeon Point to the west and Deepwater Point to the east; just stay in the shipping channel. About 1.7nm upriver from the bridges, the Christina River branches off to the west, leading to the city of **Wilmington**. Enter the channel between Fl G 2.5s 36ft 7M HORN "1" light and Fl R 4s BELL R "2." A range leads you from there. Up the Christina, past its confluence with the Brandywine, there is a floating dock owned by a non-profit organization called Kalmar Nyckel Foundation, dedicated to preserving the culture and maritime heritage of Delaware. The organization, named after a 17th-century Swedish tall ship, has a small museum on the premises. You can tie up temporarily.

North of the Christina River the shipping channel swings to the west side of the Delaware River, avoiding the **Cherry**

Island Flats. Where the Bellevue Range meets the Marcus Hook Range, stay in the channel as Marcus Hook Bar lies to the east. The city of **Marcus Hook** sits on the western shore a little more than 2nm upriver. The channel swings very close to the city's shore.

After you pick up the **Chester Range** due north of **Raccoon Island** on the southeastern shore, you'll pass under the Commodore Barry Fixed Bridge (vertical clearance: 190 feet in the middle). Just upriver the city of **Chester** sits on the northern shore.

Northwest of Chester Island, the channel begins to swing more to the east. Just north of the Q R "27" a small channel runs to the northeast to **Crum Creek**. The shipping channel continues due east, where you can follow the Tincum Range. You'll pass Little Tincum Island to the north. At Bramell Point the channel turns a little north past **Billingsport** on the south shore.

Pick up the Mifflin Range and you'll be led to the east-northeast to the beginning of **Philadelphia**. Several marinas provide excellent access to this historic city. The River snakes through Philly to the west and **Gloucester City** and **Camden** to the east.

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Chesapeake Bay defines Maryland. The state's history is indebted to the bay, its culture inexorably wedded to it. Seventeen of Maryland's 23 counties touch the bay or its tributaries, and lawmakers have designated the skipjack, striped bass, and blue crab as the state boat, fish, and crustacean, respectively. This is not to diminish Maryland's Atlantic Coast and inland waters, but cruising the Chesapeake reveals much of Maryland.

Formed more than 10,000 years ago as the glaciers melted and the Atlantic Ocean rose and flooded the Susquehanna River valley, the Chesapeake Bay spans 180 miles from the tidal Susquehanna to Cape Charles, Virginia, and ranges between 3 and 30 miles wide. The waters that enticed early settlers to establish port cities on the Chesapeake carry more than 10,000 ocean-going commercial vessels each year. Fish, crabs, clams and oysters gathered by bay watermen have a commercial value of more than \$1 billion annually. Furthermore, its many tributaries—home to osprey, bald eagles, great blue heron, oysters, blue crabs, and dozens of fish species—provide thousands of miles of cruising grounds, a gunkholer's paradise.

The bay's estuarial nature defines much of its character. The tides and currents are fairly lenient. The gentle daily cleansing of bay waters usually produces a tidal difference of about 2 feet, although in some areas like the C&D Canal the current runs more strongly. More critical than current is depth, which averages 28 feet in the Chesapeake; this shallowness breeds a steep chop in foul weather. The bottom ranges from sand to mud, and although there are few rocks to worry about, shoaling can be a major problem. Your depth-sounder will help you negotiate the creeks and inlets, especially along the Eastern Shore. And don't let the more forgiving bottom and countless safe harbors lull you—it's just as easy to get in trouble in the middle of a ferocious bay thunderstorm two miles off Annapolis as it is anywhere else.

The best time to visit Maryland depends on what you're looking for. Power-boaters tend to prefer the heat of summer, when less wind means less chop, and sailors seek the strong breezes of spring and fall. Still, many keep their boats in year-round—some people can't get enough of Maryland and the Chesapeake. You'll find out why.

Maryland's Eastern Shore: C&D Canal to Crisfield

You approach northern Chesapeake Bay via the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, or **C&D Canal**, which connects the two bays. The 19.2-mile-long, 450-foot-wide canal has an operating depth of 35 feet and is controlled by the Army Corps of Engineers, which operates a dispatch office in Chesapeake City. They monitor VHF 13.

Keep in mind that this is a busy canal, which means two things: you'll see big ships up close and personal, and you'll need to give them plenty of room. Canal control recommends staying to the starboard side of the channel. Also, be



The full spectrum of attractions in D.C. includes the National Cathedral, which houses this statue of the first president. © Mary Jane Hayes

aware that the current runs through the canal more strongly than most places on the Chesapeake—about 2 to 4 knots. Try to plan your travel with the current.

For safe passage through the canal, there are a few standard procedures you should follow: there is no sailing, you must be under power; there is no anchoring; and you must yield to all commercial vessels. Your journey through the canal requires less than 132 feet of vertical clearance to pass safely under the five bridges. From west to east, you'll come across the Chesapeake City Fixed Bridge (vertical clearance: 135 feet), the Summit Fixed Bridge (vertical clearance: 132 feet), the Conrail Lift Bridge (vertical clearance: 45 feet when down, 137 feet when up), the St. Georges Fixed Bridge (vertical clearance: 132 feet), and the Reedy Point Fixed Bridge (vertical clearance: 133 feet).

If you don't stay at Summit North Marina, on the north shore of the canal, plan to spend time at Bohemia Bay Yacht Harbour in Chesapeake City, a small town full of charm, Victorian architecture, and small shops and antique stores. The town on the southern side has tasteful gift shops and historic buildings. On the water are the Bayard House and the Chesapeake Inn, both featuring fine dining. A short walk into the town is the taproom, where locals gather to



This ruby-red beauty is just one of the Chesapeake Bay's many photogenic lighthouses.
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consume dozens of famous Chesapeake blue crabs. There is a large basin here known as Engineer's Cove—it has been dredged to 15 feet by the Army Corps of Engineers. Small vessels are welcome to anchor here. Free dockage is available on the west side of the basin. You can stay longer than 24 hours, but you must obtain permission from the dispatcher. On the north side there is a fuel dock, but don't forget the fenders—there's no protection from passing wakes.

Once you leave the C&D Canal, you're actually entering the Elk River, which feeds into the Chesapeake southwest of Turkey Point. As you head down the Chesapeake, the shipping channel markers are a dependable guide. It is not necessary (or even recommended) that you stay in the channel at all times—commercial traffic can get thick and there's usually enough water outside of the channel. It doesn't take long before you see Chesapeake Bay's allure: the scenery is splendid.

About 3.5nm south of Welch Point, north of the western entrance to the C&D Canal, the **Bohemia River** branches off to the east. Begin your entrance into the river near Fl R 4s R "16," keeping Town Point and its shallow water well to your east and north. The Bohemia River is known for pleasant anchorages and a beautiful bay atmosphere. **Veazey Cove** on the south side of the river, west of Battery Point, is a good anchorage.

Continuing southwest in the main shipping channel, it's about another 8nm to the entrance to the **Sassafras River**. One of the bay's prettiest rivers, it has several secluded anchorages great for spending a quiet night. The yachting area of Georgetown, located 7nm upriver, with its cross-river neighbor, Fredericktown, offers some good antique shops. The natural beauty of the Sassafras makes it well worth the trip. Begin your easterly turn into the river near Q R "2" west of **Grove Neck**. About 3nm into the river, keep Fl R 4s R "2" to your south before swinging to the southeast. When rounding Ordinary Point, keep G C "3" and Fl G 6s G "5" to your north. The river winds to Fredericktown and Georgetown, connected by the 5-foot-high U.S. Highway No. 213 Bascule Bridge. (Refer to the *Georgetown Harbor Highlight* for more information.)

About 8.6nm south of Worton Point, which is about 4.7nm southwest of Howell Point at the mouth of the Sassafras River, the main shipping channel swings close to Maryland's eastern shore where you'll find Tolchester Beach. South of Tolchester Beach stay close to the main shipping channel; shallows extend off the mainland. The shipping channel splits about 5nm south of Tolchester Beach. Take it to the west and you're headed to Chesapeake Bay's western shore via the

Brewerton Channel. Continue south and the channel ends at Fl R 2.5s R "8." Due east of the fork is **Rock Hall Harbor**.

Rock Hall is a small watermen's community, built on fishing, crabbing, and oystering as a way of life, but it still retains its local flavor. The recently opened Waterman's Museum will help you appreciate this history. Rock Hall has excellent seafood restaurants, as well as bars, antique stores, and shops that make it worth an overnight stay. It's recommended, however, that you have a detailed chart for the approaches to Rock Hall Harbor and Swan Creek. The area is tricky with shoals, and a wrong move can run you aground. Likewise, although charts show a northern shortcut across the shoals at Swan Point, it's only advisable for those with local knowledge.

If you draw more than 3 feet, your journey to Rock Hall may seem a bit out of the way. At the southern terminus of the shipping channel, at Fl R 2.5s "8," head south-southeast

for Fl G 6s G "7," the north entrance to Swan Point Channel. From there travel 2.5nm east-southeast to G C "3." Turn north, leaving G C "3" to the west, and look for Fl R 4s R "4," west of Huntingfield Point. From here you have two choices: head northeast into Rock Hall Harbor or due north into Swan Creek. For Rock Hall Harbor, after leaving Fl R 4sec R "4" to the east, head for the harbor's channel between Fl R 2.5s "4" and Fl G BELL "5." Once in the harbor, mind the channel markers closely.

If you continue north toward **Swan Creek** from Fl R 4s R "4," be sure to stay east of G C "5." Inside, you'll find numerous marinas.

Leaving Rock Hall, head south and follow the shoreline of Eastern Neck, which brings you to the wide mouth of the **Chester River**. This is a lovely river with wonderful tributaries and anchorages. Ducks, geese, bald eagles, and other birds make their homes here, and the waters are spawning areas for shad, alewife and striped bass. The Chester River has two other major advantages: Chestertown and the entrance to Kent Narrows. Entering the Chester River, stay east of Fl 6s 35ft 7M light northwest of the northern tip of Kent Island to avoid the shoals that extend north from Love Point.

Chestertown is about 19.5nm from Fl R 4s R "6" at the river's mouth, southwest of Eastern Neck Island. The town dates from 1668, and with its brick, tree-lined sidewalks and quiet atmosphere, it invites you to relax, take in some terrific architecture, and contemplate the past. Designated a "port of entry," it was a thriving trade center for the Eastern Shore's agriculture industry. The Customs House, dating from the 1740s, and many of the stunning brick homes and buildings built in that era are open for tours. Several beautiful inns and taverns serve up history as well as delectable dining. Chestertown is also home to Washington College, founded in 1782 and now the oldest liberal arts college in the country. If you'd like to stretch your legs, the Kent County Chamber of Commerce publishes maps and descriptions of several bicycle trips, all in luscious Eastern Shore farmland. If a drive is more your speed, you can rent cars downtown.

Follow the well-marked Chester River as it snakes to the northeast. When rounding the river's "elbow" south of Eastern Neck Island, keep Fl G 4s G "9" to the north. About 7nm upriver, the river narrows between Quaker and Spaniard necks. About 11.3nm from the Fl G 15ft 10M light, south of Nicholas Point on Quaker Neck, you'll find Chestertown. Approaching Chestertown, you'll find numerous facilities, or you can anchor in the river and dinghy to a small park at the foot of High Street, where sail and steamships once tied up to unload their cargo.

Back at the "elbow" of the river, on the southern shore you'll find **Kent Narrows**. Get ready to move at a slightly faster pace. Kent Narrows is an up-and-coming destination, especially with the powerboat crowd. The restaurants

dish out a wide range of seafood, and several dock bars offer nightlife, live music, and entertainment. Stop by Piney Narrows Yacht Haven on the western shore, where you'll be able to shop till you drop at the factory stores within walking distance, or take a cab to top-notch golfing 5 miles away.

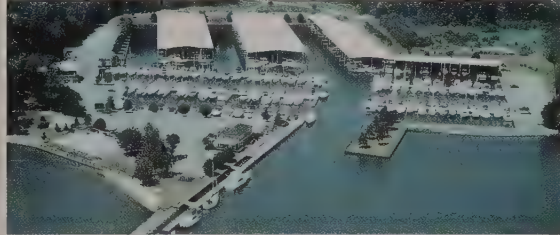
While Kent Narrows is a fun stop and the shortest way to Eastern Bay and Saint Michaels, we advise keeping a chart handy and arriving during the day. From Fl R 4s R "6" head about 179nm to reach the Q R 15ft 3M "2K" light at the beginning of the dredged channel leading to Kent Narrows. Follow the channel religiously to the southeast, and then to the southwest. The Army Corps of Engineers dredges the channel to 7 feet, but obtain local knowledge from one of the area's marinas before entering. If you need more water underneath you'll have to travel back out in Chesapeake Bay, west of Kent Island, and approach the Narrows from the south. The Narrows also has a drawbridge (vertical clearance: 18 feet) that opens every half-hour between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m., May 1 to Oct. 31. Off-season, it's on demand, and the bridge monitors VHF 13.

Once you've taken in the hustle and bustle of Kent Narrows, get ready to slow the pace a little. Travel south through Prospect Bay and into Eastern Bay. Continue due south, east of Rich Neck, and into Miles River, which leads you to **St. Michaels** on the western shore. St. Michaels is a

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popular place, especially wonderful by boat. (Refer to *St. Michaels Harbor Highlight* for more information.)

From St. Michaels you'll want to head for another charming Eastern Shore town, Oxford. Settled along the banks of the Tred Avon River, just north of the mouth of the Choptank River, delightful Oxford has managed to stave off some of the tourism that sometimes taints other harbor towns. When heading north into the Tred Avon, be sure to keep Fl G 2.5s 15ft 3M "1" light north and west of you. (Refer to the *Oxford Harbor Highlight* for more information.)

From Oxford, head southeast into **Choptank River**, staying north and east of Fl R 4s 4M "16" light, northeast of Castle Haven Point. Follow the well-marked river about 5nm and you'll come across the entrance to Cambridge, on the western shore. The channel's entrance is between R N "2" and Fl G 4s G "1" just west of the Dover fixed and swing bridges. There are several marine facilities within walking distance of town.

The 68-nm-long Choptank, the eastern shore's longest river, is named for an Indian word describing a place where the current runs strongly. Harriet Tubman was born here on a river plantation, and she later used the river's marshes and banks as part of her Underground Railroad.

After leaving Cambridge, our travels continue back in the Chesapeake toward Crisfield. From Fl G 2.5s G "3," about 5.7nm south-southwest of Tilghman Island, set a course of 140nm into **Little Choptank River**. Stay south of Fl G 4s 15ft 4M "3" and Fl G 2.5s 13ft 3M "5" light. Due south of Ragged point, the **Slaughter River** runs to the southwest. Here, you'll find many restaurants, tours and activities. Take a walking tour of the town's historic buildings and federal-style architecture. Visit the James B. Richardson Foundation Maritime Museum, dedicated to the memory of the shore's craftsmen and boatbuilders.

The Chesapeake Bay narrows between Taylors Island and Cove Point on the western shore. At Hooper Island Fl 6s 63ft 9M HORN light about 20nm south of the mouth to Little Choptank River, you can swing east to find **Honga River**, **Fishing Bay**, **Nanticoke River** and **Wicomico River**.

Though far down the bay (just north of the Virginia border), **Crisfield** is a must-see all year round, but even more so if you can make it on Labor Day weekend. That's the date of the annual National Hard Crab Derby, three days of festivities that energize this tiny community. Surrounded by more seafood than you can eat, you'll see crab-picking contests, the crowning of "Miss Crustacean," live entertainment,

and the crab race. A small town with a true waterman's atmosphere, Crisfield is an appropriate way to end a trip down Maryland's Eastern Shore.

From the Little Choptank, head down the bay, passing the Honga River, Hooper Straits and Holland Straits. Kedges Straits takes you into Tangier Sound. Mind the channel markers here—there are some shoals, wrecks and obstructions outside. Look for Jane's Island Light Fl 4s 37ft 6M HORN and G C "1" where you'll turn northeast into Little Annemessex River. Head for the Q R 19ft 4M "2," then Fl R 4s 19ft "4." After R "8" and Fl G 4s 3M "7," turn northeast once more and head straight for Crisfield.

Maryland's Western Shore: Havre de Grace to the Potomac River

The tendency when approaching the west shore from the C&D Canal is to head straight for Baltimore and all its activity. But before you do, take the time to turn north after Turkey Point Fl 6s 129ft 8M light and head to **Havre de Grace** at the mouth of the Susquehanna River.

Steeped in history and charm, Havre de Grace will be a peaceful memory to look back on when you are in busier ports. Visit the Concord Point Lighthouse, a granite structure built in 1827 and decommissioned in 1975. Everything in the historic district (which is just about the whole town) is within walking distance of the water, including The Decoy Museum, with more than 2,000 carved decoys. The Millard F. Tydings Park is a popular spot, featuring tennis courts, picnic tables, barbecue grills, and a playground. The park is host to numerous festivals. Several facilities can be found along the shore. From Fl(2+1) R 6s R G "A" southwest of Turkey Point follow the well-marked channel that winds east of Spesutie Island and turns north toward the Susquehanna River. Don't be tempted to cut straight across the bay from Turkey Point unless you have local knowledge.

Continuing in the main channel toward Baltimore, you'll pass Bush River, Gunpowder River, Middle River, and Back River. Note restrictions on the Bush and Gunpowder due to the army's Aberdeen Proving Grounds. Middle River is filled with facilities, including the transient-friendly Bowleys Marina and Deckelman's Boatyard. Back River can provide a peaceful trip before heading into the hub of the city.

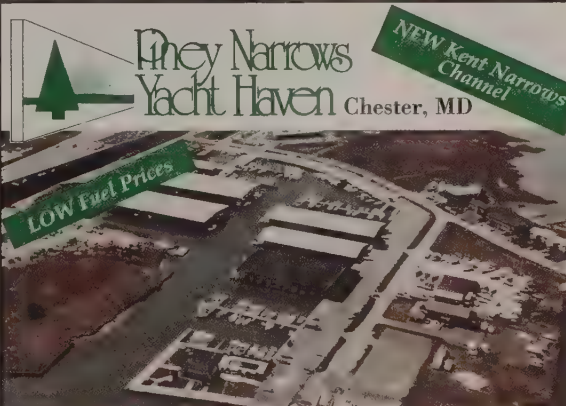
Baltimore will keep you busy for days, whether your interests are eating, sightseeing, history, or music and entertainment. To visit Baltimore, look for Q R "2B" as your entrance to the Patapsco River. This is the junction of the Brewerton Channel Eastern Extension and Craighill Channel Upper Range. Southwest of North Point, keep your eyes peeled for commercial traffic. Enjoy the well-marked shipping channel that will lead you straight on to Fort McHenry. (*Refer to the Baltimore Harbor Highlight for more information on this city.*)

From here, continue south in the main channel and you'll come across the Magothy River to the west. At Baltimore

Light Fl 2.5s 52ft 7M light turn west to Fl R 4s 15ft 3M "2" and the entrance to the river. Follow the navigational aids, especially at the river's narrow entrance, and you're on your way to Magothy Marina.

The next major stop south of Baltimore is **Annapolis**, Maryland's capital. It's also the self-proclaimed sailing capital of the nation, and for good reason. You'll first have to pass under the Chesapeake Channel Fixed Bridges (vertical clearance: 186 feet). After clearing the bridges, continue southward to Fl G 4s G "91." From here, you can steer about 264nm to Fl R 2.5s R "8" at the mouth of the Severn River. (*Refer to the Annapolis Harbor Highlight for more information.*)

Once you leave Annapolis, on your way down the western shore, take a look at the Thomas Point Light Fl 6s 43ft 11M HORN. This is one of the few remaining working screwpile lighthouses on the Chesapeake. From here head 2.8nm southwest to Fl G 2.5s G "1A" and the **West River** approach to Galesville. In West River, when you pass Fl R 4s 3M "6" you'll find several marine facilities. On the north side of West River, Rhode River begins at Fl R 4s 16ft 4M "2" south of Dutchman Point. You'll find a marina up the Rhode a piece. West River is evidence that good things come in small packages. It won't take you long to stop there, but Galesville is a charming small town with several good restaurants, and the river is quiet and lovely.



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Your next destination is more than 30nm south—**Solomons Island**, near the mouth of the **Patuxent River**. At R N “2,” southeast of Cove Point’s Fl 10s 45ft 19M HORN light, head southwest into the river. From the south, your approach begins at Fl G 4s BELL G “1PR.” Solomons is a longtime fishing community that’s working hard to take on Annapolis as a sailing mecca. Solomons is also an ideal jump-off point for cruising the Patuxent River. (*Refer to the Solomons Island Harbor Highlight for more details.*)

South of the Patuxent River, travel to the last major river on the bay’s western shore and one of its biggest tributaries: the **Potomac River**. The enormous Potomac travels about 400nm from its source in the Allegheny Mountains of West Virginia. While exploring it in 1608, Capt. John Smith wrote that the fish were “lying so thick with their heads above water, for want of nets, we attempted to catch them with a frying pan.”

The Potomac offers beautiful scenery and, of course, it’s the only way by water to Washington, D.C. It’s also the way to historic St. Mary’s City, where two ships landed in 1634 and established Maryland as a colony. St. Mary’s City was the state’s original capital. An 800-acre living history museum, St. Mary’s City is also home to the *Maryland Dove*, a full-scale replica of a typical 17th-century square-rigged merchant ship. Seeing the *Dove* tied along the river’s pristine banks makes it easy to imagine what it was like to be those early river travelers.

The Potomac River

The southernmost body of water to border Maryland is also one of the Chesapeake Bay’s biggest tributaries, the Potomac River. The enormous Potomac travels 400nm from its source high in West Virginia’s Allegheny Mountains, splits Maryland from Virginia, and spills over the treacherous Potomac Falls and into the bay.

From the Bay, the entrance to the Potomac is guarded on the north by the Point Lookout Light Fl (2) 5s 12M Horn. If you look at NOAA Chart 12285, distances on the Potomac are marked in 5nm increments starting with mile 0 about

4nm south-southeast of the Point Lookout Light. From mile 0, it’s 96nm to the Jefferson Memorial in Washington D.C., so either plan on traveling fast, or go slow and enjoy the scenery and a night’s layover along the way. There are literally dozens of choice anchorages, marinas, and attractive towns along the river.

Between NM 8 and NM 9 you’ll find a few anchorages. On the Maryland side of the river, Smith Creek offers a fishing center, marinas, and restaurants. On the Virginia side you’ll find an anchorage in Coan River and waterfront restaurants and marinas on the Yeocomico River. The entrance to the St. Mary’s River and St. George Creek is marked by Fl (2+1) R 6s RG “SM” at NM 10.

Nomini Bay, Virginia (NM 25), is used primarily by commercial fishermen and has little to offer recreational boaters. On the other hand, Breton Bay, Maryland (NM 25), is a favorite anchorage for yachts. Marinas and supplies are available up the bay on Combs Creek.

The Wicomico River (NM 31), offers many fine anchorages and marinas, as do many of the smaller tributaries along the Potomac as you head north. You’ll find dockage, supplies, and repairs in Mattox Creek, Virginia, at NM 35.5.

A major landmark as you head upriver is at NM 68—the U.S. Marine Corps Base in Quantico. There are limited docking facilities available for visiting yachtsmen at Mount Vernon (703-780-2000), located at Fl G 2.5s G “77” (NM 83).

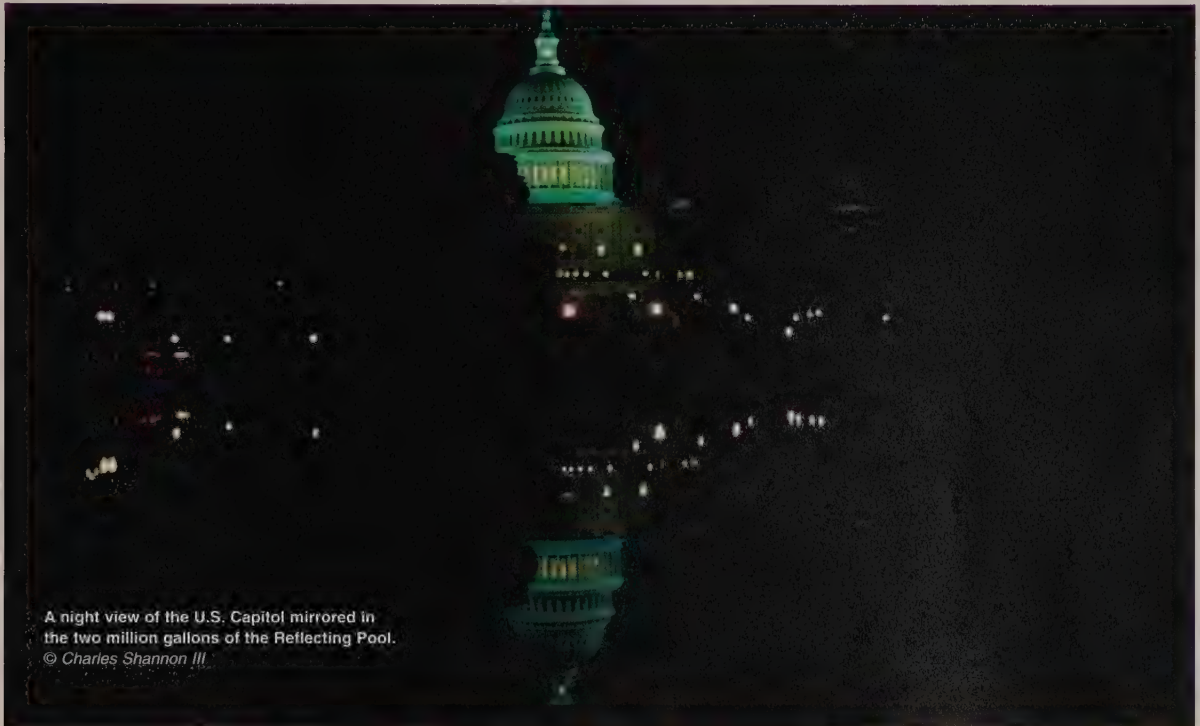
At NM 91.2, the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bascule Bridge (vertical clearance: 50

feet) will open for pleasure boats with advanced notice. Scheduling may be arranged through the bridgetender at (202-727-5522). The old port town of Alexandria, Virginia, with lots of good restaurants and boutiques, is immediately upriver of the bridge.

At Fl (2+1) G 6s GR “HP” south of Hains Point (NM 94), the Anacostia River merges with the Potomac. (*Refer to the Washington, D.C., Harbor Highlight for more information on the Capital area.*)



In Baltimore’s Inner Harbor area, crowds flush out entertainment, such as this performer juggling plungers. © Embassy



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Maryland's Other Shore: Ocean City

The Chesapeake Bay is such a large part of Maryland that it's sometimes easy to overlook another fine boating and fishing area: **Ocean City**. Located on the Atlantic Coast barrier island, Ocean City is a popular jump-off point for charter fishing. The bays behind it—Isle of Wight, Sinepuxent and Little Assawoman—are prime boating grounds. Ocean City is bordered to the north by Fenwick Island and to the south by Assateague Island and is connected to the mainland by the Route 50 bridge.

Approaching the Ocean City Inlet, look for R "2" Fl R 4s BELL. Red "2" is followed by a progression of red buoys that will lead you to the inlet jetties. Visual references ashore include a tower on the north side of the inlet and a dome and a tank farther to the north. (*Refer to the Ocean City Harbor Highlight for more information on this port.*)

Whether you visit Maryland via the Atlantic Ocean or Chesapeake Bay, your trip south will take you into Virginia waters. And as you look back, you're sure to agree that no matter how you approach it, Maryland is a boater's paradise.

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More than two centuries ago, a flame-haired lass named Catherine Knight was born. As she grew, so did her beauty, and along with it another quality: obstinacy. Known as one of the most beautiful women in Kent County, Miss Knight had an almost legendary stature; she even claimed to have danced with George Washington.

During the War of 1812, the British, led by Admiral George Cockburn, were busy with a master plan to torch Maryland. When the enemy troops got to Georgetown, the residents fled except for two: Kitty Knight and her bedridden neighbor. Kitty stuck her head out the window, and with her red hair swaying in the breeze, steadfastly refused for the sake of the invalid woman inside to leave the building. With his heart momentarily softened, or simply a-flutter at the sight of Miss Knight, Admiral Cockburn spared that house and the one next to it.

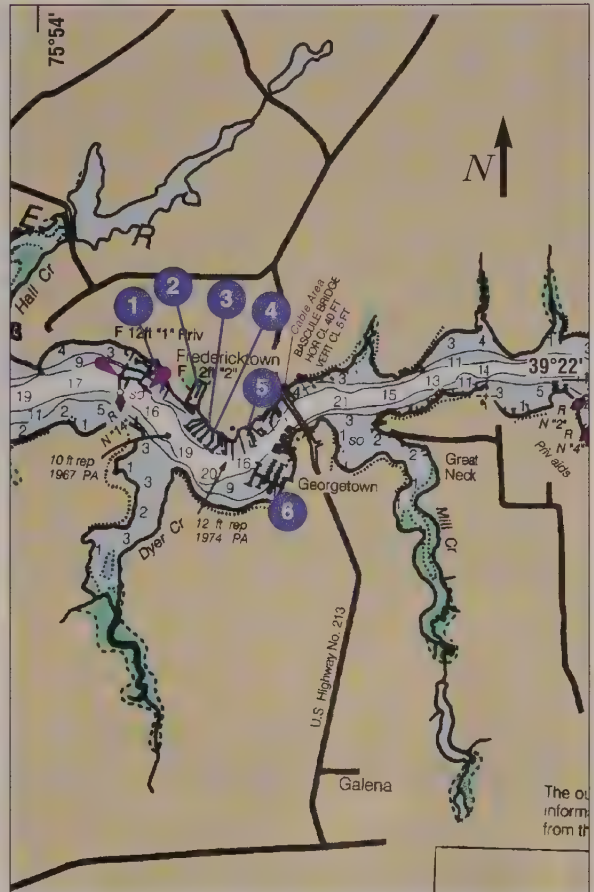
What To See and Do

These days, boaters burn a wake up the lovely Sassafras River to reach the brother villages of Georgetown and Fredericktown, named for the sons of King George III. The area is a quiet retreat, with streets made for strolling and waterways perfect for exploring by dinghy. Ideal ways to pass the day include swimming the sandy-bottom beaches and crabbing along the river.

If you're staying at Sassafras Harbor Marina, enjoy the swimming pool and the activities center, with games and ping-pong and pool tables. Georgetown Yacht Basin also has a swimming pool. Those with an eye for the olde should visit the antique shops and auction house in nearby Galena.

Restaurants and Provisions

Wine and dine your crew at the Kitty Knight House (410-648-5777), specializing in Eastern Shore cuisine and unique



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A tranquil view of the Georgetown Yacht Basin. © Embassy

beef creations. Live entertainment fires up the crowd on Saturday nights/The Granary (410-275-8177), with a name indicative of its history, serves crab in many forms, plus a fine array of other dishes. On weekends you can grab more casual chow at the restaurant's Sassafras Grill.

Your breakfast stop should be Harbor Cafe, which also cooks up pizza, Italian dishes, and sandwiches. The best place to restock your galley is Galena, a short trip inland.

Navigation and Anchorages

Sassafras River to Georgetown

Georgetown is located approximately 9nm up the Sassafras River from the main shipping channel. Enter the river south of Grove Point and keep to mid-river. Travel east about 4nm to Fl R 4s R "2." Keep this mark to your south, then swing southeast with the channel. Leave G C "3" and Fl G 6s G "5" to your north when rounding **Ordinary Point**. There is no water north of G C "3."

East of Ordinary Point, the channel turns northeast to Fl G 2.5s 3M "7" light at Cassidy Wharf, then back to the southeast. The next bend is at Fl G 6s 18ft 4M "9" light off Knight Island where the channel takes a nearly easterly direction to the marinas of Georgetown and neighboring Fredericktown.

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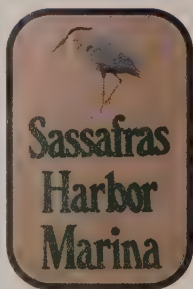
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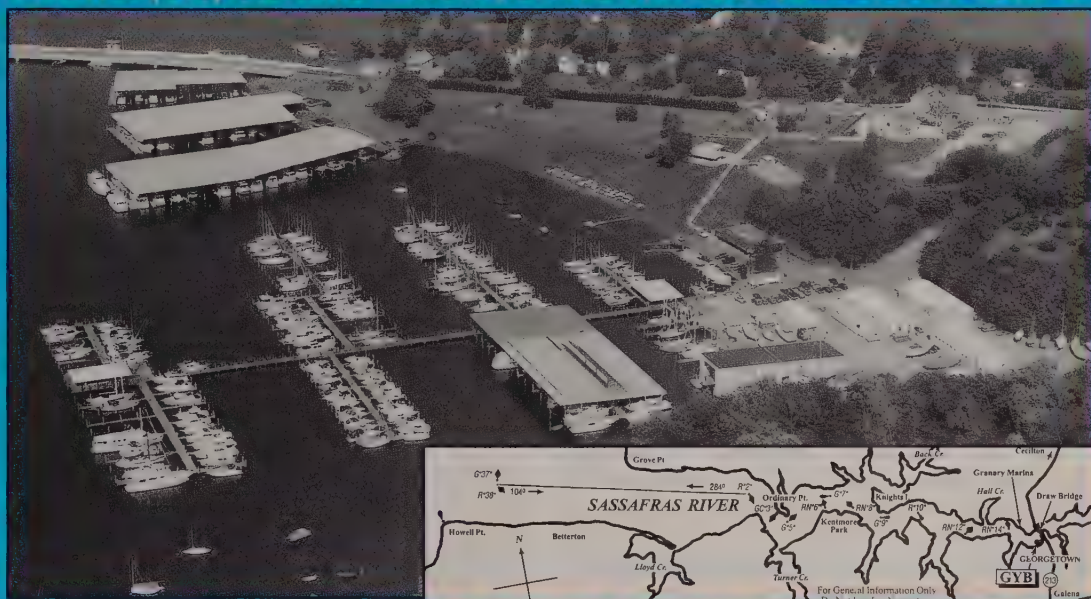
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The local watering hole is the Carpenter Street Saloon (410-745-5111), serving American favorites for breakfast, lunch and dinner. For breakfast or lunch with the family, pop into Poppi's Restaurant (410-745-3158).

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Other options worth exploring are 208 Talbot (410-745-3838), serving gourmet cuisine in a casual setting, the Buttermilk Cafe (410-745-2224), and Bistro St. Michaels (410-745-9111).

Navigation and Anchorages

From Eastern Bay

From Fl R 4s R "4" north of Tilghman Point in Eastern Bay, set a course of about 165nm into the Miles River. Heed the buoys, especially Fl G 4s G "11." Stay to the west of this buoy which marks a very shallow area in the middle of the river. Follow your charts.

The river narrows east of Deep Water Point, keep the Fl G 4s 14ft 4M "1" to your east. After rounding Fl R 2.5s "4" light to the east head for Fl R 4s "2" light at the entrance to St. Michaels.

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Since tranquility is this town's main appeal, you'll likely be content just to wander the picturesque lanes and admire the old houses, have a picnic in the park, or pedal a bicycle without a speck of haste. To rent a two-wheeler, head for the Oxford Mews Bicycle Boutique (410-820-8222) on South Morris Street.

Board the Oxford-Bellevue Ferry (410-745-9023) and ponder its history of propulsion. Since 1683, it has changed from oar power to sail to steam to gas and finally, diesel. Except for a hiatus following the Revolutionary War, it's been in continuous service. For additional historical perspective, poke around the Oxford Museum (410-226-0191) and the Oxford Customs House; call first, as hours are limited.

Restaurants and Provisions

Settle those morning pangs with a visit to Breakfast at Jacqueline's (410-226-0238) or The Kitchen (410-819-6780). When lunchtime rolls around, you can grab something quick at Oxford Spirits & Gas (410-226-0002) or Oxford Market & Deli (410-226-0015), which has all the groceries you'll need, plus ice cream and prepared foods. Nearby, the Oxford Mews (410-820-8222) general store is a fun place to look around and shop for souvenirs, marine supplies, and books as well as good grub.

Tie up at Pier Street Restaurant and Marina (410-226-5171) and enjoy a feast fit for Neptune, with a fine view to boot. Le Zinc (410-226-5776) bills their fare as "down-home French country cooking," complete with an espresso bar and selection of micro-brews, while the Robert Morris Inn (410-226-5111) stakes claim to having the best crab cakes. Favorite stops for those in the know are Pope's Tavern (410-226-5005), in the Oxford Inn, and the innovative Latitude 38° Bistro & Spirits (410-226-5303), which provides transportation to and from marinas.

Navigation and Anchorages

Approaches

You approach Oxford like you would the Choptank River—either travel Knapps Narrows, through the middle of Tilghman Island, or round Tilghman Island to the south.

Knapps Narrows begins in the Chesapeake at Fl G 4s 14ft 4M "1" light. The passage is crossed by a bascule bridge (vertical clearance: 7 feet when closed) and should present no problems for any vessel drawing less than 7 feet.

Rounding to the south of Tilghman Island, keep G C "9" to your north to avoid the shallows that extend south from Blackwalnut Point on Tilghman Island.

From either direction, head for Q R "12A" and then toward Fl G 2.5s 15ft 3M light southeast of Benoni Point on Ferry Neck. Keep this mark to your north, and then to your west as you head northeast up the Tred Avon River. Oxford is about 2nm upriver.

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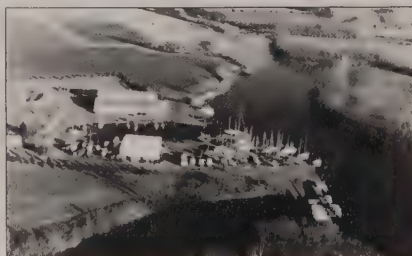
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Oxford

Town Creek, which runs south into Oxford from Q R 3M "2" light, has a reported controlling depth of 5.5 feet. In some places, however, shoaling has reduced this depth to 4 feet. Hail a marina for local information. Explore the creeks that extend from The Tred Avon and you'll find yourself a quiet anchorage.

On your way in, you'll pass several transient facilities. Oxford Yacht Agency offers slips and repairs, as does Crockett Brothers Boatyard. Farther up the creek, Mears Yacht Haven sells gas and diesel, and Oxford Boatyard performs a full range of repairs.

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As a boater, you're subject to more than just the primary rays: factor in reflection off the water, white sails, and the toothy smiles of your crewmates, who are having too good of a time to fret over cataracts et al.

But will a discount store pair of shades do the trick? Truth is, it'll likely do more harm than good. A cheap sunglass lens, without UV filtration, will cause the pupil to dilate, letting in even more damaging rays. Before you plunk down the cash, make sure the lenses are certified for UV protection.

Reflective lenses, *de rigeur* for seeing without being seen, help boaters by cutting down on glare, making vision sharper on the water, all the better for spotting that school of stripers up ahead, or checking out the party on that Chris-Craft to starboard.

Sunglasses have come a long way, baby, with form and function evolving to meet the market's whims. Ever mindful of consumer need, some companies offer flexible frames and sunglasses that float, a definite boon to the boating crowd.



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Perhaps even more good can come from Baltimore's successful facelift. Just as that battle victory inspired a profoundly patriotic song, the city itself may influence other towns to revamp their sagging scapes and bring life back to once-thriving centers.



A slice of the busy Inner Harbor scene: the *Chesapeake*, the Aquarium, and paddleboats. © Embassy

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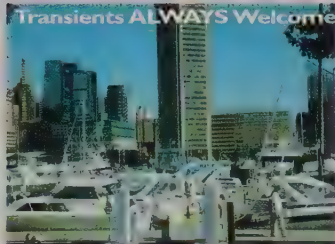
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Mariners young and old will love the National Aquarium in Baltimore (410-576-3800), which shelters more than just sea creatures. High above the watery wonder world of sharks, marine mammals, eels, and invertebrates, you'll encounter free-roaming birds, reptiles, amphibians, and even primates in the tropical rain forest exhibit. Maryland Science Center (410-685-5225) will thrill the family with hands-on exhibits, a planetarium, and IMAX theater. Shhh...don't tell the kids that they're learning!

Don't fret if rain is a sure bet. Baltimore's melange of museums offers much more than shelter from a storm. Honored subjects include the Civil War, the B&O Railroad, lacrosse, dentistry, streetcars, and firefighting, but we suggest you begin with the Baltimore Maritime Museum (401-396-3453), located on Pier 3.

Restaurants and Provisions

When you're hankering for ethnic eating, the Inner Harbor certainly comes through. It's always "ciao-time" in Little Italy, and you can't go wrong with any of the restaurants there. If teriyaki and sushi are more your style, Charles Street will satisfy your yen. Put some spice into life with dinner at Lista's New Mexican Restaurant (410-327-0040) on Thames Street. Also in the Fells Point area, you can close your eyes and imagine yourself under beards of Spanish moss while you dine at Savannah (410-522-2195), at the Admiral Fell Inn.

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Smack in the middle of the inner harbor action sits the Hard Rock Cafe (410-347-7625), but be prepared to wait. You can choose from tons of eateries, take-out stands, and sit-down establishments within the shopping complexes. We favor Phillips Harborplace (410-685-6600) for their truly fulfilling All-U-Can-Eat. If you prefer, order off the regular menu or buy a fresh catch from their seafood market.

Navigation and Anchorages

From the north

There are two ways to approach Baltimore Harbor from the north. At the southern end of the **Tolchester Channel**, head



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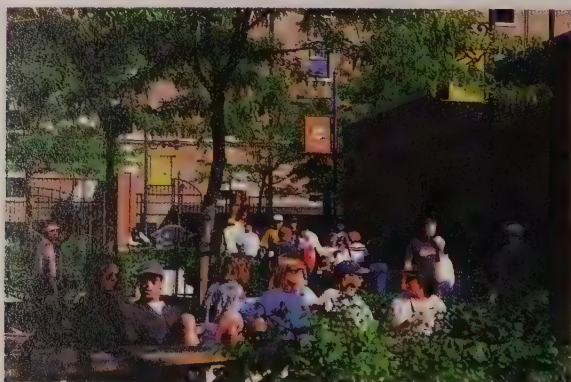
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west up the eastern extension of the **Brewerton Channel**. It will take you into the Patapsco River and Baltimore.

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From the south

From Annapolis or the south, follow the various angles of

the Craighill Channel. North of Q G "23" this channel intersects the Brewerton Channel. Head west-northwest into the Patapsco.

Inner Harbor

The Brewerton Channel runs west-northwest into the Patapsco River. The channel swings more northerly and passes under the Francis Scott Key Fixed Bridge (vertical clearance: 185 feet). Follow the Fort McHenry Channel northwest into Baltimore. The channel splits southeast of Fort McHenry. Take the northern fork into Northwest Harbor. Baltimore Marine Center on the northeast side of the channel. Farther in, you'll see the Domino Sugar plant and the residential towers that are part of the Harborview Marina complex. Right inside Inner Harbor you'll find the city docks and Inner Harbor Marina of Baltimore.

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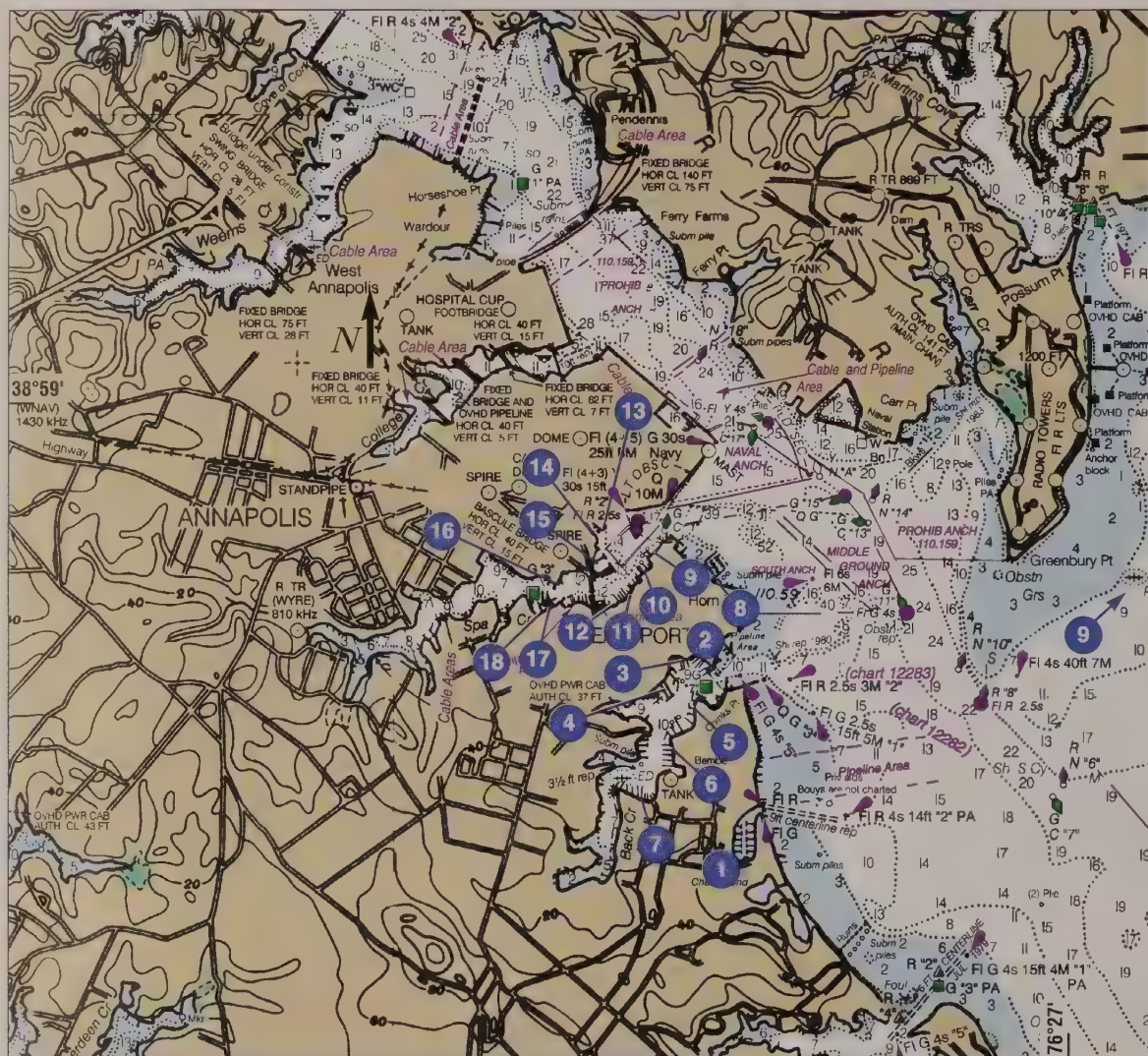
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When you sail into Annapolis, you might not be greeted at the dock by men in three-cornered hats, but you will find yourself in the middle of colonial America. With its cobbled main streets and tree-lined, brick sidewalks, Annapolis breathes history and charm.

Settled in the mid-1600s and incorporated in 1796, the city sits proudly near the mouth of the Severn River on Chesapeake Bay. The historic district of the Atlantic coast's pleasure boating capital contains at least 1500 buildings—churches, gracious homes, and public edifices.

One of the features is the Maryland State House, our nation's oldest continuously-operated capital building; its ornate top is the largest wood-structured dome in America.

Many important events have taken place in the State House: it served as a meeting venue for the Continental Congress, General George Washington announced his resignation from the Continental army there, and the Treaty of Paris was ratified there, bringing the American Revolution to an end. The building even served for a short time as the national Capital, from November 1783 until June 1784.

During that spell late in the 18th century, Annapolis had its heyday. Times were good, thanks to the prosperous tobacco industry, and firsts were popping up all over town: the first theater and library as well as one of the first public schools all had their starts at that time in Maryland's capital city.

For 200 years the city's waterfront has accommodated merchant ships from around the globe. Today the seafaring tradition continues, but on a more contemporary level. Scores of boatyards, marinas, boat builders, sailmakers and every marine related business imaginable offer services to cruising boaters.

What To See and Do

History buffs will think they've died and gone to heaven when they set foot in downtown Annapolis. Your first stop should be at the Annapolis & Anne Arundel County Conference & Visitors Bureau (410-280-0445) for tour options including a guided walking tour with Walter Cronkite—on tape. Other tour options range from nighttime ghost tours to African-American historical tours.

If you're the self-guiding type, it's worth your while to stop by the Maryland State House (410-974-3400). Stand on the precise spot where General George Washington stood in

1784 when he resigned as Commander-in-chief of the Continental Army. The State House is filled with other treasures commemorating various historical events.

Eye-catching architecture abounds in Annapolis. Catch an insiders' tour of the Charles Carroll House (410-269-1737) birthplace of one of the wealthiest men in the colonies. The 18th century home features manicured gardens and an extensive wine cellar. Another must see is the Hammond-Harwood House (410-269-1714) built by William Buckland. This house is a prime architectural example of the colonial era complete with authentic furniture, exquisite artwork and meticulous gardens.

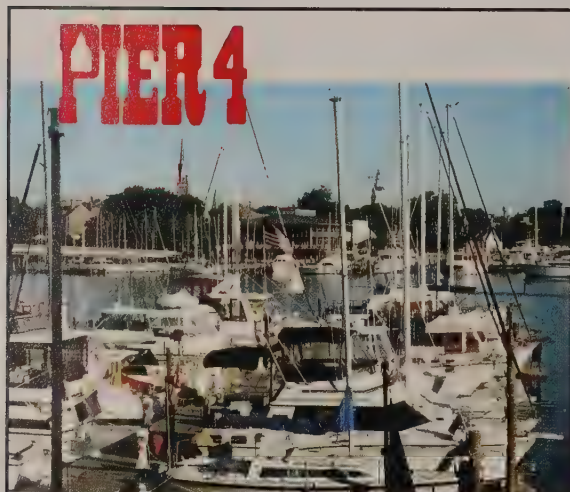
For more than 150 years, the United States Naval Academy (410-263-6933) has made its home along the Annapolis waterfront. The institution has grown from about four dozen students and seven staff members on 10 acres to 4000 undergrads and nearly 600 faculty on 338 acres. The students, known as midshipmen or "middies," are trained to be

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Don't forget to march over to the U.S. Naval Academy Museum (410-293-2108), which is packed with naval art and artifacts. At the Class of 1951 Gallery of Ships, you can admire beautiful model boats fashioned out of wood, bone, and even gold.

This fine city is home to some of the country's best sailors and top boats. Make plans to spend a Wednesday night watching scores of them compete in Annapolis Yacht Club's Wednesday night race series, which often ends in a spectacular spinnaker finish at Eastport Bridge.

Browsers and spenders alike, the cab ride to Solomons Island Road will be worth your while. You'll find a couple of places there to spend some time and drop some cash: Annapolis Harbour Center (410-266-5857), a seaport-style



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Put some power behind your souvenir-buying dollars at Save the Bay Shop (410-728-5229), where purchases benefit the not-for-profit Chesapeake Bay Foundation. You can get traditional mementos, such as T-shirts, toys, and stationery, as well as educational media, including environmental books and videotapes. Another fun maritime-themed shop is Sign of the Whale (410-268-2161), opposite the City Dock.



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Adjacent to the Market House, swallow a bit of history along with authentic Maryland cuisine at Middletown Tavern Oyster Bar & Restaurant (410-263-3323). Nearby O'Briens Oyster Bar & Restaurant (410-268-6288) offers more creative seafood dishes. On Main Street, near the public dinghy dock, eat, eat and make your mama happy at Mangia Delicatessen & Restaurant (410-268-1350) serving up a storm of sandwiches and offering delivery to boaters.

If you've had your dose of Maryland crabcakes and would like a taste of something different, head up Main Street toward Church Circle where you'll find Joss Cafe & Sushi Bar (410-263-4688) slicing up fish so fresh they serve it raw—after all that's the basis of sushi. Also in the vicinity, you'll be delighted by India Palace (410-263-7900) where your taste buds will shingle with the flavors of vegetable curries and tandoori shrimp along with Indian breads fresh from the clay oven.

Over on Compromise Street, ease your worries with a Painkiller at Pusser's Landing (410-626-0004) continuing in the tradition of its Caribbean counterparts with quality food and drink in a casual harborside atmosphere. On Spa Creek in Eastport, set your course straight at the Chart House (410-268-7166) located in the former Trumpy Boathouse. Take your pick of steak, prime rib, or seafood and enjoy the action in the harbor.

Navigation and Anchorages

Approaches

The approach buoy for Annapolis is Fl R 2.5s R "8" at the mouth of the Severn River. From there, head northwest into the well-marked river.

Annapolis

You won't have any problem finding a dock space or repair facilities in Annapolis. The only problem you may encounter is that there isn't any space left—it can get packed. In that case try in Spa Creek in Eastport, south of Annapolis. All facilities, including Pier 4 Marina, are within walking distance to whatever most cruisers need. Check out Fawcett Boat Supplies at Annapolis City Docks or The Air Works for some of your repair needs.

Back Creek, slightly farther south, has Annapolis Landing Marina and other transient-friendly facilities. The inexpensive water taxi service makes staying in this quiet spot very convenient. If you prefer to anchor, you can settle in at South Anchorage or Middle Ground Anchorage, both northeast of Horn Point in Eastport. For an even more protected anchorage, head up Spa Creek. En route you'll need to pass a bascule bridge with 15 feet of vertical clearance when closed.

Severn River

The Severn River continues past Annapolis in a northwesterly direction. Just past Annapolis you'll pass under a 75-foot-high fixed bridge and then another fixed bridge (vertical clearance: 80 feet) about 1.1nm to the northwest. You'll find a selection of transient facilities on your way upriver.

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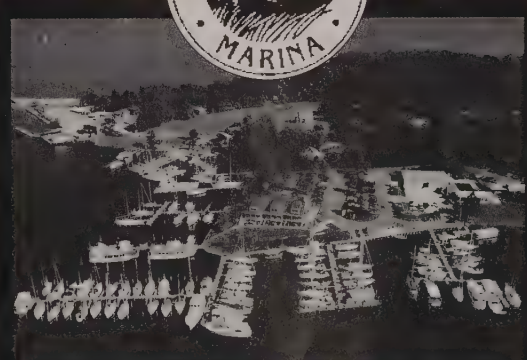
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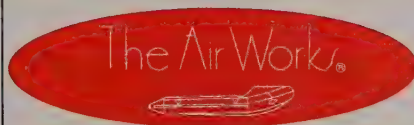
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After the Civil War, a Baltimore entrepreneur named Isaac Solomon saw dollar signs in the mouth of the Patuxent River. Stimulated by the booming oyster business, Solomon built a community based around oystering, including a wharf, cannery, lime kiln, and housing for employees.

Alas, Solomon was a man before his time, and his business crumbled like a brittle oyster shell. But just as shells become fine sand, the maritime merchants of the island picked up where Isaac left off. Today, Solomons Island is a pearl of a maritime community, boasting a fine collection of full-service marinas that greet mariners with open arms.

What To See and Do

Make the Calvert Marine Museum (410-326-2042) your first stop. Exhibits range from fossilized sharks' teeth from 20 million years ago (when Solomons Island was part of the ocean floor) to an "estuary" housing utterly adorable otters. A sightseeing tour aboard the *Wm. B. Tennison*, a Chesapeake bug-eye built in 1899, will round out your visit.

A half-mile south of the museum grounds, learn about boat-building and shellfishing and admire the tools of those trades



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at J. C. Lore Oyster House (410-326-2042). If the kids are in need of some energy expenditure, cart them off to Treasure Island Mini Golf and Fun Center (410-326-0500) for 18 tropical-themed holes, plus a raceway and laser tag.

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Get back to nature with a tour of Annmarie Garden (410-326-4640), featuring 30 acres of sculptured 'scapes. If you're traipsing through the gardens in September, check out Artsfest (410-326-4640), a two-day, juried art show. This "palette-pleaser" attracts artists from all reaches of the Atlantic Coast.

Restaurants and Provisions

Fear not, hungry boaters: Solomons Island sets the table with a lot of quality choices. The Lighthouse Inn (410-326-2444) offers savory seafood dishes and a harborside view. For a more casual repast, dine at the Inn's outdoor counterpart, Quarterdeck (410-326-2444).



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The Captain's Table (410-326-2772) serves up steaks, seafood and pasta in a family atmosphere—and don't overlook their weekend breakfast bar. You'll get what the name suggests at Catamarans Ribs and Seafood (410-326-8399), featuring a cabana bar. Otherwise, head to the Rhumb Line Inn (410-326-3261) and enjoy waterside dining as well as a dance club, sports bar, and intimate lounge. China Harbor Seafood Restaurant (410-326-6888) is the answer for fresh seafood mixed with a taste of the Orient.

You couldn't ask for a place more on the water than the stilt-supported Solomon's Pier Restaurant (410-326-2424). The chefs at this historical spot excel at piling plates with fresh seafood. Still craving seafood? Try Dry Dock Restaurant (410-326-4817) at Zahniser's Yachting Center or Spring Cove Marina's Naughty Gull Pub & Restaurant (410-326-4855).

Navigation and Anchorages

Approaching the Patuxent River

From either direction, head for the mouth of the Patuxent River, marked by Fl R 2.5s 5M "4" on Drum Point on the north shore and Fl G 2.5s 4M "3" light north of Hog Point on the southern side. Follow the lights and buoys into the river, which is very deep almost up to the shores.

Patuxent River

Heading east into the Patuxent, avoid the area known as the flats, east of the entrance into Solomons Island's harbor. You can travel to either side of the flats. If you travel to its south, keep Fl R 2.5s 3M "6" light and R "2" to your north. Passing to the north of the flats, keep G "1" and G "3" to your south.

Solomons Island's Harbor

Once around The Flats, the channel is well marked into Solomons proper. As you enter, you'll see a small, manmade island called **Molly's Leg** marked by Fl(2+1) R 6s 4M light and Fl R 4s 14ft "2"; head south of the island here and you'll find a place to dock on Janes Point. You can leave Molly's Leg to either side as you head to Back Creek.

Solomons Island is a good place to get repairs done. **Back Creek** is also lined with facilities such as Town Center Marina and Hospitality Harbor Marina and if you're looking for a nice, quiet anchorage, explore **Mill Creek**. Some facilities can be found here also.

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George Washington must have been a boater, for it was the white-wigged father of our country who selected the Potomac's head of navigation as the site of the capital district. The honor of planning the city's layout went to Frenchman Pierre Charles L'Enfant, who seized his responsibility with vigorous enthusiasm.

True to his surname, L'Enfant was a crybaby, disregarding orders and exceeding budgets with wild abandon. He was fired one year into the project. A workman with an elephantine memory reproduced the blueprints from his head, and

the city was built as planned, albeit with the master planner out of the picture. L'Enfant died with no possessions, save for the clothes on his back. Nevertheless, somebody felt either appreciation or sympathy, as he was fittingly laid to rest at a gravesite with a to-die-for view of "his" city.

What To See and Do

We hope your lines are tied for at least a few days. There's more to be seen and done in Washington, D.C., than you probably realize.

WASHINGTON D.C.

Be sure to visit the White House (202-456-7041)—after all, if you're an American citizen, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue belongs to you. Other can't-miss old faithfuls standing by are

the U.S. Capitol (202-225-6827), Jefferson Memorial (202-426-6822), and the Lincoln Memorial (202-426-6895).

Infinitely engrossing, the Smithsonian (202-357-2700) includes 14 museums, plus the National Zoo (202-673-4800), where Hsing-Hsing the giant panda nibbles bamboo shoots to soothe his broken heart (mate Ling-Ling died in 1992). The sky's the limit for educational entertainment at the National Air and Space Museum, and those with a penchant for the creepy-crawly should buzz on over to the insect zoo at the Museum of Natural History. Wear your walking shoes—you'll need them.

Another attraction on your most wanted list should be the Federal Bureau of Investigation (202-324-3447), where you can take an intriguing, hour-long tour. FYI, the FBI is a popular stop—be prepared for a lengthy wait.

For bicycling, skating, or jogging, active cruisers appreciate D.C.'s recreational paths: Washington & Old Dominion trail, C&O Canal Towpath, and the Capital Crescent Trail, to name a handful. If you don't have a two-wheeler aboard, Better Bikes (202-293-2080) will deliver to your marina; City Bikes (202-265-1564) and Big Wheel Bikes (202-543-1600) also have rentals available. Bring your boots and hike the Billy Goat Trail along the Potomac, or give the trails a trial on Roosevelt Island (703-285-2598).

Whenever you just want to see and be seen, make tracks for Georgetown. This lively college 'hood satisfies the young adult set with bars, boutiques, cafes, and diverse restaurants.

Restaurants and Provisions

Whether he's feeling frugal or extravagant, Uncle Sam never lacks for an answer to his stomach's rumbles. As a microcosm



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of the nation it represents, the District of Columbia is a melting pot of cuisine for all tastes and budgets.

Affordable ethnic cuisine is the Adams-Morgan scene, near the zoo. Try Bukom Cafe (202-265-4600) for African food and entertainment, Raku (202-265-RAKU) for a fine mix of Asian dishes, and Mixtec (202-332-1011) or Peyote Cafe (202-462-8330) for Mexican favorites. Our prize for the best-named eatery goes to So's Your Mom (202-462-3666), an authentic New York take-out deli.

In Georgetown, crack some shells at the Sea Catch (202-337-8855), overlooking the C&O Canal. You're in the capital, so you might as well fill up on some all-American burgers, fries and salads at the popular Houston's (202-338-7760). Clyde's (202-333-9180), a long-standing favorite featuring a reasonable and revolving menu, is another place where you can't go wrong.

Along the water, tie up at Gangplank (202-554-5000) for a memorable meal; upstairs is the more casual Gangplank Patio Cafe, featuring entertainment most nights. Other waterfront delights known for seafood are Hogate's (202-484-6300) and the gorgeous Sequoia (202-944-4200), a hoppin' place to watch the boat traffic on the Potomac while you enjoy a memorable meal.

Penn Quarter is a great place to be at breakfast time especially, with Old Ebbitt Grill (202-347-4801) and Reeve's Restaurant & Bakery (202-628-6350) to choose from. Don't



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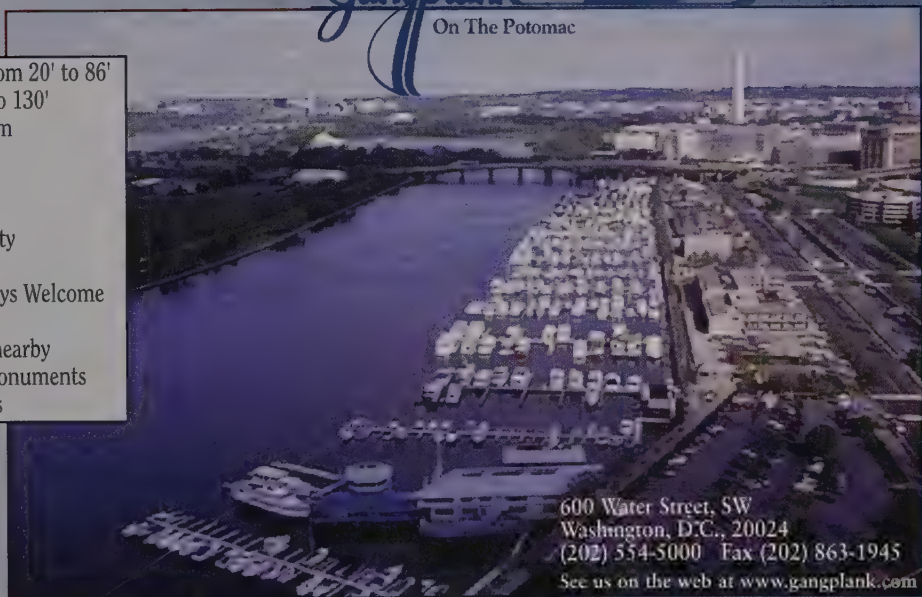
miss the Capitol City Brewing Company (202-628-CCBC). An original in this age of the brew-pub, this place will surely cure what "ales" you. If you feel like celebrating Oktoberfest, no matter what month it is, try German Deli (202-347-5732).

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Navigation and Anchorages

Potomac River

Follow the winding Potomac, heeding its buoys. Within the channel you'll have more than enough water to operate; stray too far from the channel and you may run into trouble at low tide.

If you want to stay away from the hustle and bustle of downtown Washington, D.C., Piscataway Creek breaks off the river's eastern shore east of Fl G 4s G "77." Follow the markers into the creek and you'll be greeted by Fort Washington Marina. Hop in a taxi and you're in Washington, D.C., in no time at all.

Washington Channel

Washington Channel is where you'll find most of your transient marinas in the Capital area. Keeping Fl(2+1) G 6s G R to your west head northeast into the Anacostia River. Washington Channel immediately branches off to the north, west of R G N "WC" and Greenleaf Point. Right at the river's entrance are James Creek Marina and Buzzard Point Marina.

No matter where you stay in Washington, you're a hop, skip and a jump from all of the monuments and sights you'll want to visit. While the location is prime, it's wise to venture out only in daylight.

Anacostia River

At R G N, south of Greenleaf Point, continue on the Anacostia to the northeast. The channel up the river has a standard operating depth of 16 feet. You'll find several transient facilities on the western shore.

Pentagon Lagoon

Continue northwest on the Potomac to find more marine facilities in Pentagon Lagoon, on the western shore north of the five fixed bridges (all with only 18 feet of vertical clearance).

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Like the Jersey shore to the north and Myrtle Beach to the south, family-oriented Ocean City is the essence of a seaside vacation destination. Ten miles of beaches and countless hotels fill to the brim with visitors every summer day. The resort town got its start as a place for Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. folks, traveling by stagecoach and later by ferry, to escape the city. Railroad service arrived in 1890, but it wasn't until nearly three decades later that the highway bridge was built.

The backbone of entertainment in this hoppin' barrier island burg is the Boardwalk. It began in 1879 as a seasonal promenade, a series of planks plunked down in May and picked up again in September. The permanent version was erected some 25 years later. All things to be seen and done seemingly stem from the 2.6-mile-long structure lined with carnival-type amusements, souvenir shops, and bad-for-you food stands selling everything Mom never served for dinner.

What to See and Do

Have some old-fashioned fun astride one of the hand-carved animals on the 1902 carousel at Trimper's Rides (401-289-8617). Other good-time spots are Jolly Roger Amusement Park (401-289-3477) and the 65th Street Slide & Ride (401-524-5270), which includes water rides. The clink of coins is



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a common sound along the strand, thanks to the abundant video arcades, a boardwalk staple.

Rescue a rainy afternoon with a trip to the Ocean City Life Saving Station Museum (401-289-4991), featuring historical exhibits on storms and the life-saving service in the Delmarva region, as well as critter-filled aquariums, a miniature replica of old-time Ocean City, and samples of sand from beaches the world over. Farther down the Boardwalk, the rest of the day will melt away at the Ocean City Wax Museum (401-289-7766).

		DOCKAGE		SERVICES				SUPPLIES				AMENITIES			



Dunes and grasses line the Ocean City strand. © Charles Shannon III

Back on the water, Bay Cruises (410-213-0926) lets you choose from their variety of boat trips. The hour-long bay tour nets you an Ocean City overview, and the three-hour nature cruise gets you close to the offshore critters. For a “reel” good time, embark on the tuna trip, a full 24 hours of deep-sea excitement aboard the comfortable *O.C. Princess*.

Restaurants and Provisions

Most ports can claim a don’t-leave-without-stopping-here institution. In Ocean City, that would be Dumser’s (401-250-5543). From its ice cream-scooping start in 1939, the business has become a year-round restaurant serving all the entrees hungry boaters seek, with lighter choices available for lunch.

If you want to shell out a little more cash, try one of the crab houses, either Higgins’ (410-289-2581) or the king-sized Phillips (410-289-6821). Other boaters’ favorites are Fager’s Island (410-524-5500), where you can sit indoors or out to watch the sunset while enjoying an artful meal, and BJ’s on the Water (410-524-7575). Also on the bay, the long-standing Bonfire (401-524-7171) spices up the expected seafood offerings with an extensive selection of Chinese dishes.

Navigation and Anchorages

Ocean City Inlet

Coming from either the north or south, head for Fl R 4s BELL R “2” about 0.9nm east of the inlet. From the south, don’t cut

west of R N “WR2”—rocks and shoals make the area hazardous, not to mention the submerged southern jetty. This inlet is not as ferocious as some, but a northeast or southwest wind can kick up a good chop.

Head for Fl G 4s G “5” and FL R 4s R “4,” both at the north jetty. Follow the well-marked entrance channel.

Ocean City

Once inside the inlet, Ocean City sits to your north. A well-marked channel begins east of Fl(2+1) R 6s R G “OC.” From here, turn north toward the bascule bridge (vertical clearance: 18 feet) and you’ll find transient marinas and a fishing center.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

Coast Guard: All stations monitor VHF 16

Radio Telephone:



MARITEL
Marine Communications System

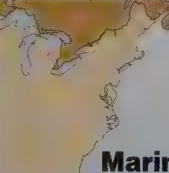
VHF: 26, 27

888-MARITEL (888-627-4835)

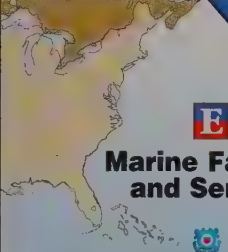
Tow Service:

SEA TOW —Sea Isle Cape May (609-263-2222)

TowBOAT/U.S. —24-Hour Dispatch (800-391-4869)

  Marine Facilities and Services  All Coast Guard Stations Monitor VHF Channel 16															DOCKAGE SERVICES SUPPLIES AMENITIES										 See page 268																			
															110V+ 220V Hookups: Fresh Water / Phone / Cable TV Rail / Lift / Crane / Trailer Capacity (tons) Diesel / Wood / Fiberglass / Electronics Repairs: Propeller / Sail Rigging / Gas Marine / Groceries / Ice / Bait / LPG / CNG Restrooms / Showers / Laundry / Pumpout Public Phone / Restaurant / Snack Bar MasterCard / VISA / Discover / AmEx															Gas / Diesel Fuel Fuel Brand Approach Depth in Feet at MLW Maximum LOA Seasonal / Year-round Number of Transient Berths Working VHF Channel Monitors VHF Channel														
C & D Canal to Bohemia River																																												
1	Schaefer's Market & Marina	BOAT/U.S.	410-885-2204	16	9	35		Y	125	35	14	F	★▲50				GD	Tex	MGI	RSP	H	PR	MVA																					
2	Chesapeake Inn, Restaurant & Marina		410-885-2040	16	69	35		Y	90	12	5	F	★▲50						MGI	RSP			PR	All																				
2	Harbour North Marina	BOAT/U.S.	410-885-5656	16	6	60		Y	60	5	8	F	★50	L	LT35		PGD WFE	G		MGI	RSP		All	MVD																				
3	Locust Point Marina		410-392-4994			6		S	30	4	4	F	★30	RD	T7	P			MI	RSP				MVD																				
3	Taylor's Marina*		410-392-3588	16				Y	45										MI	RS		S																						
3	Triton Marina		410-398-7515	16		50		S	40	6	5	F	★30		LT20	PGFE	G		MI	RS		P																						
4	BOHEMIA BAY		410-885-2706	16	9	300		Y	65	6	6	All	★▲50	RDL	L40	All	GD		All	All	P	PS	All																					
	YACHT HARBOR		p. 263																																									
4	Hacks Point Marina & Boatyard		410-275-8168			10		S	40	4	2.5	F	★30	RD	L15	PGD WFE		GI	RSP				MVA																					
4	Two Rivers Yacht Basin	BOAT/U.S.	410-885-2257	16	9	3		S	40	4	4	F	★30		L25	SGF	G		I	RSP		P	MVD																					
Sassafras River to Swan Point (see also Georgetown Harbor Highlight)																																												
5	Green Point Marina		410-778-1615	16		4	2+	Y	60	15	12	F	★30	RD	L15	PRG DWF	GD		MIB	RSP		P	MVD																					
5	Wharf at Handy's Point*		410-778-4363	16				Y	50			FP	★▲50		L35	PGDWFE	GD		MI	All		S																						
5	Worton Creek Marina		410-778-3282	16	68	25	20	Y	60	6	6	F	★▲50	D	LT40	RGD WFE	GD		MGIBL	All	P	PR	MVD																					
6	Mears Great Oak Landing		410-778-5007	9	9	50		Y	70	8	6+	All	▲50	L	L50	All	GD		G	All	All	All	All																					
7	Tolchester Marina		410-778-1400	16		30		Y	60	6</																																		

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**All Coast Guard Stations
Monitor VHF Channel 16**

**Marine Facilities
and Services**

See page 288
SAILMARTS
MasterCard / VISA / Discover / AmEx

DOCKAGE

SERVICES

SUPPLIES

AMENITIES

110V • 220V ▲ 3 Phase

Rail / Lift / Crane

Diesel / Wood / Trailer Capacity (tons)

Repairs: Propeller / Sail Riggng / Gas

Marine / Groceries / Ice / Bait / LPG / CNG

Restrooms / Showers / Laundry / Pumpout

Public Phone / Restaurant / Snack Bar

MasterCard / VISA / Discover / AmEx

Hookups: Fresh Water / Phone / Cable TV

Dockside Depth in Feet at MLW

Approach Depth in Feet at MLW

Seasonal / Year-round

Number of Transient Mooring Berths

Working VHF Channel

Monitors VHF Channel

Gas / Diesel Fuel

Fuel Brand

Hotels / Pools / Tennis / Golf

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DOCKAGE		SERVICES	SUPPLIES	AMENITIES
 Marine Facilities and Services  All Coast Guard Stations Monitor VHF Channel 16		T10V + 220V▲ 3 Phase■ Maximum Amps	Repairs: Propellor / Sail / Rigging / Gas Diesel / Wood / Fiberglass / Electronics	Restrooms / Showers / Ice / Bait / LPG / CNG
		Rail / Lift / Crane / Phone / Cable TV	Marine / Groceries / Fuel	Public Phone / Restaurant / Snack Bar
		Ramp / Dinghy Dock / Launch Service	Gas / Diesel Fuel	Hotel / Pool / Tennis / Golf
		Hookups: Fresh Water / Sewer / Electric		
		Dockside Depth in Feet at MLW		
Approach Depth in Feet at MLW		Seasonal / Year-round Mooring		
Number of Transient Berths		Working VHF Channel		
Monitors VHF Channel				

Middle River to North Point

28	BOWLEYS MARINA	410-335-3553 p. 267	16	500		Y	50	10	8	FP	★▲■50	RD	L30	All	GD		MGIB	All	P	All	All
28	Brigadoon Marine Facility	410-335-7190		2+		Y	40	6	4+	F	▲	RL	L12	PRGFE	GD		MI	RS		P	
28	Buedel's Marina & Boat Yard	410-687-3577		15+		Y	50	5	5	F	★▲50		L15	PGWF	G		M	RSP		P	MV
28	Chesapeake Yachting Center	410-335-4900		5+		Y	70	6	7	FP	★▲	D	L25	PGDF	GD	Cit	I	All		P	MVD
	Cutter Marine Inc.	410-391-7245		30		Y	60	8	4	F	★▲50		L25	PSRDF			MI	RSP	P	P	MV
28	DECKELMAN'S BOAT YARD, INC.	410-391-6482 p. 280	16	6		Y	60				★▲50		L40	GDWF			MI	RS		S	
28	Edwards Boat Yard	410-335-2311		2	2	Y	42	6	5	FP	★30		RL15	GW	GD	Mob	MIB	RSP			MV
28	Essex Marina & Boat Sales	410-687-6149	9	72	20	Y	60	10	8	F	★▲■50		L35	RGDFE			M	RSP		P	MVD
28	Galloway Creek Marina	410-335-3575		2		S	35	4	4	FP	★15	L	L15					RSP			
28	Long Beach Marine	410-335-8602		20		Y	75	15	15	F	★▲50	D	RL	All				RSP		P	
28	Markley's Marina	410-687-5575		2		Y	72	9	6	F	★50		L60	PGD WFE				RSP		PR	
28	Maryland Marina	410-335-8722		20		Y	55	9	7	F	★30	All	L25	F			MI	All		PR	MVD
28	River Watch Marina	410-687-1422		20		Y	50	8	8	F	★▲■30	R			GD		MI	RSP		PR	MV
28	Stansbury Yacht Basin	410-686-3909		6		Y	38	15	12	F	★▲	All	L15	SRG WFE	G		MIB	RSP	P	MVD	
28	Sue Island Yacht Basin*	SEAVIEW 410-574-7915				Y							L30	GDWF			MI	RSP		S	
28	Sunset Harbor Marina	BOAT/U.S. 410-687-7290		4		Y	50	5	3.5	F	★30	RL	L25	PGDF			MI	RSP			MVD
28	Tradewinds Marina	410-335-7000		5		Y	48	6	5.5	F	★30	DL	L15	PWF			I	All		P	MVD
29	Riverside Marine	410-686-1500		2+		Y	32	5	4	F	★		L20	PFG				RSP		R	MVD
29	Weaver's Marine Service	410-686-4944		6		Y	50	6	5	F	★50	RL	L725	PGD WFE	G		GI	RSP		P	MVD
29	West Shore Yacht Center*	410-686-6998	16	5		Y	50				★30		L35	GDWF	G		MI	RS		S	

Patapsco River (see also *Baltimore Harbor Highlight*)

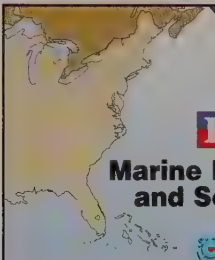
30	Markel's Boat Yard	410-477-3445			2+		Y	40	6	5	F	★20		RL20	P	G	Cit	MB	RP		P	All
30	Old Bay Marina*	BOAT/U.S. 410-477-1488			6		Y	60				★▲50				S			RS			
30	Young's Boat Yard	410-477-8607			5		S	40	6	6	F	★15	RD	L15				M	RSP		P	
31	Anchor Bay East*	BOAT/U.S. 410-284-1044	16				Y	45						LC35	PGD WFE	GD		MI	All		S	
31	Sheltered Harbor Marina*	410-288-4100																				
32	Anchor Inn	410-437-0696			20	10	Y	50										I	R		R	All
32	Fairview Marina	410-437-3400		72	12	6	Y	115	12	6.5	FP	★▲50	All	All	All			MI	All	P	P	
32	Florida Marina & Boat Sales	410-255-4365	16	71	6		Y	42	14	10		★15	L	L	PRG DFE			M	R			MV
32	Hand Brother's Marina	410-255-6382	68	68	10		S	60	15	10		★30		R50	SGD WFE			I	RSL		R	
32	Maryland Yacht Club	410-255-4444	68	16	30	15	S	65	4	4	All	★30				GD		I	All	P	All	MVD
32	Maurgale Marina*	410-437-0402			10+		Y	60	13	10		★▲50		LC20	GDWF			M	RSP		All	
32	Oak Harbor Marina	410-255-4070	16	72	6		Y	65		10	F	★50		L35	All			MI	RSP		P	MV
32	Thomas's Railway & Marina	410-255-3101	16		10		Y	65	18	15	FP	★30		RLC 65	PGD WFE				R		P	D

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Rock Point (Patapasco River) to Magothy River																											
33	Gibson Island Yacht Squadron	410-255-7632	72	78		10	S	100	11	7	F	★30	All	L25				I	RS		P						
33	Pasadena Boatel & Beach Club	410-437-6926	16				Y	45	5	5	F	★30	D	L35	PGFE	G		MI	RSP		PR	MV					
33	Pleasure Marine Center*	410-437-6600			2+		Y	45				★30		L30	GDWF	G		MI	RS		S						
33	Ventnor Marine Service, Inc.	410-255-4100			5		Y	60	6	10	F	★30	R	L15	RGDF	GD	Coas	MI	RP		P	All					
34	Cypress Marine Inc.	410-647-7940	16	72	10		Y	115	12	12	FP	★★50	DL	LC50	All			M	RSL			A					
34	Deep Creek Restaurant & Marina	410-757-4045			12		Y	50	6	6	F	★	D			GD	Coas	I	R		PR	All					
34	Ferry Point Yacht Basin*	410-647-9793			5		Y	50	7	6			R	L20				MI	RS		S						
34	Hamilton Harbour Marina	410-647-0733		74			S	50	20	13	F	★30	L	L20	PG	G		I	RSP			MVD					
34	 Magothy Marina BOAT/U.S. p. 267	410-647-2356	16		182		Y	50	10	10	FC	★★▲50	R			GD		I	All	P	P	MV					
Sewern River to South River (see also Annapolis Harbor Highlight)																											
35	Sappington's Yacht Yard*	410-647-2940				2+	Y	60	18	10		★★50		RL25	PGDWF					R		S					
35	Smith's Marina	410-923-3444			30		Y	45	14	8	F	★30	RL	L30	PGFE	G	Amo	MIB	RSP		PS	MVD					
36	Anchor Yacht Basin, Inc.	410-269-6674			10		Y	60	3+	3+	F	★★50		LT50	PGD WFE	GD	Tex	MI	RSP			MVD					
36	Holiday Point Marina	410-956-2208	16	68	4		Y	45	5	5	F	★30	L	L35	All				RSP		P	MV					
36	Liberty Yacht Club and Marina	410-266-5633			25		Y	100	16	12	FP	★50		L25	All	GD		MI	All	P	P	All					
36	London Towne Publk House & Gardens*	410-222-1919																									
36	Mike's Restaurant & Marina	410-956-2847			15		Y	40	8	8	F	★30						MGIB	RP		All	MVA					
36	Oak Grove Marina	410-266-6696			10		Y	50	14	13	F	★★50	R		PGD	GD	Amo	MI	RSP		All	All					
36	Pier 7 Marina	410-956-2288			20		Y	80	15	15	F	★★50							RSP		PR	MVA					
36	Selby Bay Yacht Basin	BOAT/U.S. 410-798-0232			4		Y	60	10	7	F	★50	R		SRGDE	GD	Coas	GIB	RSP		P	All					
36	Turkey Point Marina*	410-798-1369	16		10		Y	40	5	3		★50	RL	L		G		MI	RSP								
West River																											
37	Cadle Creek Marina	410-798-1915	16		3	5	Y	50	6	6	F	★30		T10	GWF	GD	Coas	MI	RSP			All					
37	Casa Rio Marina	301-261-7111	16	10	2		Y	45	5	5	F	★30	RL	L2	PSR WFE			MI	RP		P	MV					
37	Rhode River Marina	410-798-1658			2+		Y	60					L	L50	PGDWF	GD		MI	RS		S						
38	Backyard Boats Shady Side	410-867-3119	16	68	3		Y	45	10	8	F	★	All	L25	PSRG DFE	GD	Coas	MGIBC	RP		RS	All					
38	Hartge Yacht Yard	410-867-2188	16		10	10	Y	80	10	8	FP	★★▲50	D	RL80	PRGD WFE	GD		MILC	RSP		P	MV					
38	Parrish Creek Marina & Boat Yard	410-867-0393	16	72	3		Y	50	6.5	5	FP	★30	RD	L25	PSR WFE			IB	All		PS	MVD					
38	Pirate's Cove Marina	410-867-2300			10		Y	48	8	6	F	★		D				I	All	H	PR	MVA					
38	Steamboat Landing Marina & Restaurant*	410-867-8312	16		23		Y	50				★★50															
38	West River Yacht Harbour*	410-867-4065																									

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DOCKAGE			SERVICES					SUPPLIES					AMENITIES							
 Marine Facilities and Services  All Coast Guard Stations Monitor VHF Channel 16			110V • 220V • 3 Phase Ramp / Dinghy Dock / Launch Service Hookups: Fresh Water / Phone / Cable TV Approach Depth in Feet at MLW Dockside Depth in Feet at MLW Seasonal / Year-round Number of Transient Moorings Working VHF Channel Monitors VHF Channel					Repairs: Propeller / Sail Riggng / Gas Diesel / Wood / Fiberglass / Electronics Marine / Groceries / Ice / Belt / LPG / CNG Restrooms / Showers / Laundry / Pumpout Fuel Brand Public Phone / Restaurant / Snack Bar MasterCard / VISA / Discover / AmEx Hotel / Pool / Tennis / Golf												
Herring Bay to Potomac River																				
39	Fishing Creek Landings Marina	410-257-4392	16	72	20	Y	42	8	5	F	★20	R	L		G		MIB	RSP	P	MV
39	Herrington Harbour South	410-741-5100	16	73	40	Y	110	7.5	7	All	★▲50	D			GD	Amo	MGIBL	All	All	All
39	Sherman's Marina	301-261-5013			3	Y	44	10	8+	FP	★60	R			GD			All		
39	Shipwright Harbor Marina	410-867-7686			30	Y	60	7	7	F	▲30	L	L35	PRGD WFE			MI	All	P	P
40	Abner's Marina*	410-855-6705			1+	Y	40				★15	L	L15	PGDWF			GIB	R		PR
40	Rod & Reel Marina	301-855-8450	88a	88a	10	Y	65	4.5	4.5	F	★50				GD				RSP	PR
41	Breezy Point/Halle Marina*	410-535-4356																		
41	Flag Harbor Yacht Haven	410-586-1915	16		5+	Y	50	7	7	F	★15	DL	L20	All				RSP	P	
42	Vera's White Sands Marina*	410-586-1182			35	S	250	15	15		★▲50				GD	Tex	I	P	P	PR
43	Broomes Island Marina*	410-586-0304			2+	Y											I	RSL	RS	
43	Len's	410-586-0077				Y	110	3.5	3.5	F	★30	R	T		G	Sun	GIB	RS		PR
44	Cape St. Marys Marina	301-373-2001	16	16	5	S	45	5	5	F	★	All		PSRG DWF	GD		I	RSP		All
45	DeSoto's Landing	301-870-8145			2	Y	45	16	16	F	★50	RL	L	PGF	G	Mob	MI	R		PS
46	Buzz's Marina	301-872-5887				S	40	4	4		★10	R		SRGD	GD	Chev		R		
46	Drury Marina	301-872-4480	16	16	2	S	50	3.5	3.5	F	★15				GD	Chev	IB	RSP		P
Potomac River: Point Lookout to Yeocomico River																				
47	Point Lookout Marina	301-872-5000	16	16	35	Y	200	7	7	F	50	D	RT	All	GD			All	P	PR
47	Point Lookout State Park	301-872-5688				S	28	7	7						G	Sun	GIB	R		P
48	Coan River Marina (VA)	804-529-6767	16	68	6	Y	55	8	10	FP	★▲50	R	L25	GDWFE	GD	Tex	MI	All		P
48	Lewisetta Marina* (VA)	804-529-7299			1+	Y	50	10	9		★30				GD	BP	MGI	RSL		S
49	Dennis Point Marina*	BOAT/U.S. 301-994-2288	16		15	Y	110	10	10			R		All	GD	Coas	MGILC	RSL		





Marine Facilities and Services

All Coast Guard Stations
Monitor VHF Channel 16

DOCKAGE

SERVICES

SUPPLIES

AMENITIES

Hookups: Fresh Water / Phone / Cable TV
 Dockside Depth in Feet at MLW
 Approach Depth in Feet at MLW
 Seasonal / Year-round
 Number of Transient Moorings
 Working VHF Channel
 Monitors VHF Channel

110V ★ 220V ▲ 3 Phase
 Repairs: Propeller / Sail / Rigging / Gas
 Diesel / Wood / Fiberglass (Electronics)
 Ramp / Lift / Crane / Trailer Capacity (tons)
 Maximum Amps
 Maximum LOA

Restrooms / Showers / Ice / Bait / LPG / CNG
 Marine / Groceries / Gas / Diesel Fuel
 Fuel Brand

Public Phone / Restaurant / Snack Bar
 MasterCard / VISA / Discover / AmEx
 Hotel / Pool / Tennis / Golf
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Potomac River: Huggins Point to Colonial Beach

53	Combs Creek Marina	301-475-2017			3		Y	35	4	8+	F	▲30	RL	R		All			RSP	PR	
53	Fitzie's Marina & Pub*	301-475-1913			2+		Y					★▲50						I	R	PR	
54	Cather Marine	301-769-3335	16	68	2		Y	50	6	5		★20	RL	RL30	PRGWF	G		MGJ	RSP		MVA
54	Kopels Marina	301-769-3121	16	68	8		Y	65	6	6	All	★▲■50	All	RLT 60	PGD WFE	GD		MGIB	RSP	PS	MV
54	St. Patrick's Marina & Campground*	301-769-4099										★30	R					I	RS		
55	Captain John's Crabhouse & Marina	301-259-2315			15		Y	60	8	6	F	★▲30	RL			G	Tex	MGIB	RP	All	All
55	Cobb Island Marina & Restaurant*	301-259-2032	16		20		Y	50	8	12		★▲50			GDWF	GD		MI	RS	PR	
55	Shymansky's Marina	301-259-2221	16	68	8		Y	50	10	6	F	★50	All	L15	GD	GD		MGIB	RSP	All	All
56	Colonial Beach Yacht Center (VA)	804-224-7230	16		20		Y	150	10	10	All	★▲50	All	LT15	PGD WFE	GD	Tex	MIB	RSP	PR	All
56	Monroe Bay Landing* (VA)	804-224-7360			10		Y	70	4	4		★30							R	PR	
56	Nightingale Motel and Marina (VA)	804-224-7956			10	3	S	40	5	3+	FC	★			PGDWF			I	RSP	H	
56	Stepps Harbor View Marina (VA)	804-224-9265	16	68	15		Y	95	8	6	All	★▲50	R	T40	PGFE	G	She	MGIB	RSP	P	PS
56	Winkle Doodle Point Marina* (VA)	804-224-7544			10		Y	50	6	5		★30	R							R	PS

Potomac River: Lower Cedar Point to Indian Head

57	Dahlgren Marine Works* (VA)	540-663-2741	16		4		Y	45				★15	RL	L6	GDWF	GD		MI	RS	PS	
58	Goose Bay Marina	301-934-3812	16	68	10		S	40	3+	3+	F	★▲30	RL	L25	PSG	G	Amo	MGIB	RSP	PS	
58	Harbor at Port Tobacco*	301-932-1407	16		2+		Y	60	4	3		★30		L6	GDWFE	G		MI	RS		
58	Saunders Marina	301-934-9266	16	68	6		S	40	3+	3+	F	★▲50	R	L25	S	G	Amo		RSP	PS	
59	Hope Springs Marina (VA)	540-659-1128	16		15		S	50	5	4	F	★30	RL	T8	PG	G		MIB	RSP	P	MVA
60	Sweden Point Marina	301-743-7613	16		2+		Y	35	6	6	F	★30	RD				G	Cit	IB	All	PS
61	E-Z Cruz Marina* (VA)	703-670-8115			2+		Y	50				★30	RL	L12	GDWF	G		MI	RSL	S	
61	Hamptons Landing Marina (VA)	703-221-4915	16	6	10		Y	40	4+	4+	F	★30	R	LT20	PSRG DFE	GD		MGJ	RSP	RS	MV
61	Potomac Canvas (VA)	703-670-0080	16	6	10		Y	56	4+	4+	F	★30	R	LT20	PSRG DFE	GD		MGJ	RSP	All	MV
61	Potomac Marina (VA)	703-670-0800	16	6	10		Y	56	4+	4+	F	★30	R	LT20	PSRG DFE	GD		MGJ	RSP	All	MV

Potomac River: Occoquan Bay to District of Columbia (see also Washington Harbor Highlight)

62	Occoquan Harbour Marina (VA)	703-494-3600	9	68	2+		Y	80	8	8	F	★▲50	RL	L25	PRG DFE	GD		MI	All		PR
63	FORT WASHINGTON MARINA 	301-292-7700 p. 294	16		300		Y	200	6	6	F	★▲■50	RD	L35	PRGD WFE	GD		I	All	P	All
63	Tantallon Marina	703-836-7089	16		6		Y	65	4.5	3+	FP	▲50	D			GD			R	P	All
64	Alexandria City Marina (VA)	703-838-4265	16	68	30		Y	200	12	6	F	★▲50							RSP	All	
64	Belle Haven Marina (VA)	703-768-0018	16	78	5	3	Y	50	5	5	FP	★▲50	All		SRWF			B	RP	P	MVA
65	Washington Sailing Marina* (VA)	703-548-9027	16				Y														

Atlantic Shore (see also Ocean City Harbor Highlight)

66	Ocean Pines Yacht Club*	410-647-7447	16	68	2	2	S	40	6	8		★▲30						MI	All	P	All
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Information in these listings is provided by the facilities themselves. An asterisk (*) indicates that the facility did not respond to our most recent requests for information.



MARYLAND

Annapolis

Washington, D.C.

Alexandria

Manassas

Port Tobacco

Fredericksburg

Port Royal

*See the Maryland chapter
for Virginia facilities
along the Potomac River*

CHESAPEAKE BAY

Choptank River

Nanticoke River

Wicomico River

Pocomoke City

Crisfield

Assateague Island

VIRGINIA

Metomkin Bay

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Wachapreague Inlet

Parramore Island

Quimby Inlet

Hog Island

Cobb Island

South Bay

Smith Island Inlet

ATLANTIC
OCEAN

VIRGINIA

Richmond

Hopewell

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Williamsburg

Jamestown

Smithfield

Portsmouth

Norfolk

Virginia Beach

Back Bay

CHESAPEAKE
BAY

Point Lookout

Smith Point

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Sandy Point

Cape Charles

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Hampton

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Cape Henry

Great Dismal
Swamp Canal

Intracoastal Waterway

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Scale 1:1,235,000 1 inch=19.5 miles





The new Cape Henry Lighthouse in Virginia Beach is a welcome beacon to Atlantic Ocean travelers entering the Chesapeake Bay. © Embassy

Many Atlantic Coast states hold their share of historic sites, but few lay claim to the past as does Old Dominion. The Indian heritage lingers in the rivers and streams that cut through the land with names like Piankatank, Wicomico, and Nansemond.

In 1607, Captain John Smith sailed into Chesapeake Bay and decided that this would be a good place to establish the first colonial settlement. He graciously named it and the adjacent river in honor of his patron, King James of England. Six generations later, the settlers (now calling themselves Americans) fought off the British at the Battle of Yorktown and won independence for their new nation. After some debate, they laid out the plan for the nation's capital at the head of the largest river on the Bay and named the new city for the Democracy's first President: Washington.

Four score and more years later, the world's first ironclad warships, the *Yankee Merrimac* and the *Confederate Monitor*, duelled (to a draw) in Hampton Roads for control of the still-young nation. Ever since, the bounty of the land, the seafaring tradition, and the power of the growing nation have shaped the development of Virginia. Indeed, to travel Virginia is to take a trip into our nation's history.

Nowhere is the power of the nation and Virginia's seafaring tradition more evident than at the Newport News shipyards and the Norfolk Naval Station, home to the

world's largest collection of warships. It's an awesome sight when a 1,100-foot carrier enters the harbor, its flight deck lined with thousands of sailors eager to be home after months at sea. Equally impressive is the brilliant array of stars to be seen on a clear night in a secluded anchorage off Mobjack Bay or Onancock Creek or the Piankatank River. There are thousands of other enchanting sights on Virginia waters—a playground for working watermen, sailors, fishermen and cruisers.

Trophy bluefish, trout, and flounder as well as stripers, croaker, and spot make the Lower Chesapeake Bay attractive to anglers. The famed Chesapeake blue crabs are everywhere, which you'll quickly realize when forced to dodge the numerous floats tied to crab pots. Because of the floats and the occasional wooden-staked fish traps, night traveling on the Lower Bay and its rivers can be a challenge. Navigating during the day is fairly straightforward but has gotten more difficult because the Coast Guard seems to rearrange the buoys rather frequently, and some of the unlighted buoys that used to be channel markers have been removed. These buoys are shown as black and white or yellow nuns on older charts.

There are several things to keep in mind when cruising the Lower Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries in Virginia. In



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particular, the Bay's notorious summer thunderstorms can be hazardous to cruising vessels. The Lower Bay is always busy with freighters, colliers, container ships, tankers, tugboats and Navy vessels, so keep a sharp lookout at all times. And finally, there's a good chance you'll run aground if you stray from the channels. The waters shoal quickly near land, but the bottom is soft. As one veteran sailor put it: "If you haven't got mud on your bottom, you haven't been anywhere on the Bay." If you do run aground, tides in the Lower Bay will offer little help, rarely varying more than 3 feet.

In addition to Chesapeake Bay, Virginia has an ocean coastline east of the Delmarva Peninsula and east of Virginia Beach. This area between Chincoteague Bay and Cape Charles is mostly marshland behind a string of uninhabited islands. Twisting waterways between the islands are shallow and are generally plied only by small fishing boats. Chincoteague Inlet gives access to Chincoteague Bay in Maryland, but most cruisers bypass this area for the greater options of the Chesapeake Bay—a body of water as richly laden with history as the land that surrounds it.

Western Shore: The Potomac River to York River

The northernmost body of water to border Virginia (though actually belonging to Maryland) is also one of the Chesapeake Bay's biggest tributaries, the Potomac River. The enormous Potomac travels 400 miles from its source high in West Virginia's Allegheny Mountains and spills over the treacherous Potomac Falls and into the bay.

From the Bay, the entrance to the Potomac is guarded on the north by Point Lookout, which has a lighthouse on land, and Fl(2) 5s 39ft 12M HORN light about 0.8nm south of the

point. NOAA Chart 12285 indicates distances on the Potomac in 5nm increments starting with mile 0 about 4nm south-south-east of the Point Lookout Light. From mile 0, it's 96nm to the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C., so plan on traveling fast, or go slow and enjoy the scenery and a night's layover along the way. There are dozens of choice anchorages, marinas and attractive towns along the river. See the Maryland Chapter for information on cruising the Potomac.

Back out on Chesapeake Bay, the Smith Point Light Fl 10s 52ft 18M HORN marks a crossroads in your cruise—here you have to decide whether you want to run down the popular western shore

of the Bay or challenge the less-traveled route through Tangier Island and along the eastern shore. The western shore is the more interesting option with numerous ports and facilities. It's particularly charming if you like to spend the night swinging on an anchor in a lonely cove or creek. Although it's only about 60nm from Smith Point to the big-city offerings at Norfolk, you'll be glad you took time to explore the beauties of the Rappahannock, Piankatank and York rivers, as well as Mobjack Bay.

It's a short 6nm hop to the south from Smith Point Light Fl 10s 52ft 18M HORN to Great Wicomico River Light Fl 6s 42ft 7M. Stay south of the light before heading west into **Ingram Bay**. A day trip is the best way to explore this area. Leave Q R "6" to the north, then make a hard turn northeast into **Cockrell Creek**. The town of Reedville on Cockrell Creek is home to Virginia's menhaden industry. Many of the early menhaden moguls' mansions have been restored to their former grandeur and make for a pleasant stroll through town. Menhaden is a kind of minnow, trapped in large quantities and sold as fertilizer, while the oil is used in cosmetics and paint.

Leaving the Great Wicomico, be sure to travel about 1nm east of the Great Wicomico River Light and into the Chesapeake before continuing south—there's only 3 feet of water in spots south of the Great Wicomico River Light.

Between the Great Wicomico and the Rappahannock, there are several streams that provide protected anchorages. The entrance to **Dividing Creek**, marked by the Fl G 4s 15ft 4M "3" light, lies 5.5nm south of Great Wicomico. Although there are no transient facilities, there's plenty of water for overnight anchorages and it's a great place to seek refuge if foul weather is forecast. Another 2.5nm to the south, the Fl

R 2.5s 16ft 3M "2" light marks the entrance to Indian Creek and a deepwater channel to a marina with transient slips.

Beginning in the mountains far to the west, the **Rappahannock River** is one of Virginia's biggest and most beautiful waterways. Depending on the winds and the tide, the entrance to the Rappahannock can be rough as its waters pour into the Bay. We suggest making your run during a moderate tide. About 5nm to the southeast of Indian Creek, you'll find Windmill Point Light Fl 6s 31ft 7M at the southeast end of **Rappahannock Spit**. Continue southeast past the light toward R N "2R" before swinging west into the Rappahannock.

Just inside of the mouth of the river, you'll come across Fl R 4s R "6R." From this buoy, you'll see Windmill Point 1.4nm to the north, and Deltaville's Broad Creek, 1.3nm to the south. **Deltaville** is a very convenient stopover for boats transiting the Lower Bay. This strategic position has not been lost on the residents who have made their living building traditional Chesapeake deadrise boats and now welcome visiting yachtsmen to the many fine marinas and service yards.

Broad Creek, the main harbor for Deltaville, is 2nm west of the Fl 4s 34ft 8M light marking Stingray Point. The entrance is marked Fl G 4s 5M "1" and has been dredged to 7 feet. It's narrow but easy to follow for the mile it takes to reach Deltaville, where facilities are available. Other facilities and anchorages can be found in **Jackson Creek** and **Fishing Bay** on the Piankatank River. (*Refer to the Deltaville Harbor Highlight for more information.*)

About 6nm upriver from Fl R 4s R "6R" is the Rappahannock River Fixed Bridge (vertical clearance: 110 feet). Less than 2nm farther upriver on the north shore, Carter Creek takes you to the tiny village of Irvington. **Irvington** is dotted with boutiques, antique shops, and art galleries. Leave Fl G 4M "1" to the west as you enter Carter Creek. A short run will take you to numerous transient facilities. (*Refer to the Irvington Harbor Highlight for more information.*)

If you treasure more open waters, keep cruising west another 1.5nm from Carter Creek to the broad **Corrotoman River**. Many out-of-towners have found Virginia's Northern Neck to be the perfect place to seek refuge, and so can you with many fine anchorages—it's as easy as picking a spot and dropping a hook. Entering the Corrotoman, leave Fl R 3M "2," west of Corrotoman Point just to the east. Head upriver to the Fl G 4s 15ft "7" light east of Bar Point, then decide whether to explore the Eastern or Western branches.

Another option from the high-rise bridge is a visit to the town of **Urbanna**. Protected by a man-made breakwaters, the well-marked entrance to Urbanna is about 8nm west of the bridge on the south shore of the Rappahannock. The end of the breakwater is marked by the Fl R 4s 3M "2" light. Although there's deep water and gorgeous scenery far up



A peaceful anchorage up the Rappahannock River. © Mary Jane Hayes

the Rappahannock, there are few amenities for transients above Urbanna.

Heading out of the Rappahannock, don't try to cut west of the Stingray Point Light when continuing south because it's surrounded by shoals. Bordering Stingray Point to the south is the **Piankatank River**, which can be a bit of a navigational challenge. Enter the river between G C "1P" and Fl R 4s R "2," southeast of Stingray Point. Head west-southwest until Fl R 6s R "6" where you'll find transient facilities in **Jackson Creek** to the northeast, yet another entrance to Deltaville. Enter between Fl G 4s 15ft 4M "1" light and R "2."

The winding Piankatank is well-marked. The river immediately swings to the south where you'll find **Hills Bay**, which offers good depths with many points to use as shore references. Continuing farther up the Piankatank, stay south of Fl R 4s 15ft 4M "10" on Stove Point, then head north into Fishing Bay on the south side of Deltaville. This is a good place to find anchorages and marinas. Farther upstream the scenery is marvelous and there are reasonable anchorages, but no facilities for transients. (*Refer to the Deltaville Harbor Highlight for more information.*)



These liveaboards have found comfort at Irvington Marina. © Embassy

The Piankatank is bordered at its southern mouth by **Gwynn Island**. From Hills Bay, follow the markers to the south side of Gwynn Island, to the Gwynn Island Swing Bridge (vertical clearance: 12 feet when closed). The current can run 3 to 4 knots here, and it's a main route for watermen, so stay alert. The island is not a tourist attraction. On your way through, you'll pass a few shops and restaurants, a marina, and several protected anchorages on the island's south side. The water separating the island from the mainland where the Coast Guard Station is located is known as **Milford Haven**.

Leaving the Piankatank, it's a 10nm run south to Wolf Trap Light Fl 15s 52ft 11M and another 6.6nm southwest to New Point Comfort, the northern mouth of Mobjack Bay. Surrounding New Point Comfort is Fl R 2.5s 18ft 4M "2" to the southeast and Fl R 4s 15ft "4" to the southwest. Swing south of both of these lights before heading into Mobjack Bay. It's 4.5nm northwest from Fl R 4s 15ft "4" to the entrance of the East River, marked by the Fl G 4s 4M "1" light. The hamlet of Mobjack lies to the west, and an abandoned wharf sits to the east as you enter. The river is wide but shallow, so follow the markers. Decent anchorages, for any wind direction you might encounter, may be found in the rivers flowing into Mobjack Bay. There's the North River, Ware River and the Severn River.

Mobjack Bay is a popular weekend cruise with few facilities, safe anchorages and rustic farmhouses along the undeveloped shores. The beauty of these rivers makes Mobjack Bay a jewel. Blue crabs can be caught at almost every anchorage in the Lower Bay by tying a meat scrap on a string and dropping it near the bottom. You may be tempted to take a swim, but beware of jellyfish when the water is warm.

From Mobjack Bay, it's an easy run to the historic **York River**, whose bottom still holds sunken warships from the battles of the American Revolution. Bars and shoals make taking shortcuts into the river dangerous, and tankers ply the waters to the Yorktown refinery.

The Yorktown Entrance Channel begins more than 12nm southeast of the mouth of the river, between Fl G 4s G "1YR" and Fl R 4s GONG R "2." From Mobjack Bay, swing east of the Fl G 4s 4M "3" light and into the river via Swash Channel. You can take the well-marked river up to Yorktown and the Coleman Memorial Swing Bridge (vertical clearance: 60 feet mhw).

Just as you enter the river on the north shore, you'll find the Perrin River, an easily-entered stream with a marina but very limited anchorages. You'll pass the refinery and wharves on the south shore of the river, and fish traps along the north bank as you head to Sarah Creek. Sarah Creek is a popular destination for weekend travelers and your best bet for dockage while visiting Yorktown or Williamsburg. To enter the harbor, swing north after leaving Fl R 4s 15ft 3M "2" to the east.

Yorktown is a must-see for any history buff. The trenches in the bluffs have been restored so you can see where American and British soldiers fought in the last great battle of the Revolutionary War, which led to Cornwallis' surrender to Washington. Unfortunately, there are no marine facilities at Yorktown. Instead, you'll need to hop into Sarah Creek. (*Refer to the **York River Harbor Highlight** for more information on this historic area and Sarah Creek.*)

The lower areas of the York River often experience heavy boat traffic, usually transients making a stopover. What many boaters don't realize is that the rest of the York River has plenty of water, enough for even deep-draft vessels, and is a great cruising ground. Facilities can be found in a number of creeks at the mouth of the river, and there are several creeks farther north that offer beautiful anchorages.

Just south of the York is the Poquoson River, a waterman's haven with numerous anchoring spots in Chisman Creek. It's tempting to take shortcuts, but don't—the open waters of the Poquoson Flats have lured many a stranger to a hard grounding. Continue out into the York River Entrance channel and a Fl R 4s R "2" turn southwest. Follow the light and markers into the river.

Departing the Poquoson River, return to the York River Entrance Channel and continue southwesterly, leaving the Poquoson Flats to the west. After the limited waters of the Back River, head more southerly to Thimble Shoal Light Fl 10s 55ft 18M HORN. It's now decision time.

Hampton Roads to Virginia Beach

From the Thimble Island Shoal Light Fl 10s 55ft 18M HORN you can head west into Hampton Roads or east to the rest of Virginia's ocean coastline. From the light, hop into the Thimble Shoal Channel and head east.

The channel is well marked and quite busy with commercial traffic. There is no need to stay within the channel as deep water surrounds it. (Refer to the **Hampton Roads Harbor Highlight** for details on **Little Creek**.)

About 6.7nm east along the channel you'll come to an opening in the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. Between Fl R 32ft HORN to the north and Fl G 32ft BELL to the south, the bridge heads underground, leaving an opening for boaters. Also, along the bridge-tunnel, there are navigational openings with 21 feet of vertical clearance.

Two miles east of the south end of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, and 4nm west of the Cape Henry Light, is **Lynnhaven Inlet**. Enter Lynnhaven Inlet at Fl G 2.5s 15ft 4M "1," run a mile under the bridge, and swing east, passing restaurants and marinas. Then run a mile through a narrow channel under another 35-foot bridge. The channel takes you on to Broad Bay and Linkhorn Bay, but the water is shallow.

Continuing east, you'll reach the end of the Thimble Shoal Channel, just north of **Cape Henry**. Virginia Beach is your last option along Virginia's Atlantic Coast.

About 6.1nm south-southwest down the coast, you'll come across Mo(A) WHISTLE R W "RI," east of **Rudee Inlet** and Virginia Beach. Once in the inlet, the waterway branches to the south and to the north. The northern route leads to transient facilities, but you'll have to contend with a 28-foot-high fixed bridge. You'll notice that there aren't any masts around here. **Virginia Beach** boasts a 28-mile resort beach and is home to Seashore State Park, a campground and park dripping with Spanish moss. The area teems with tourists in warm weather.

Eastern Shore: Tangier Island to Great Bridge

Before we get into Hampton Roads, let's discuss the less-traveled eastern shore first. From the Smith Point Light south of the mouth of the Potomac, you can run through **Tangier Island** and down the isolated waters of the Eastern Shore. From the Smith Point Light, it's 9nm in a southeasterly direction to Fl G 2.5s 15ft 4M "1" marking the entrance to Tangier. Arriving from the west, you will see a silver water tower just to the south of the entrance. (Refer to the **Tangier Island Harbor Highlight** for more information.)

CAUTION: Stay clear of the prohibited area southwest of the island, where Navy pilots sharpen their bombing skills.

If you choose to skip the island, head for the Tangier Sound Light Fl 6s 45ft 7M marking the shallow waters south of the island. Continue past the light and head for



The markers along the waterways in Virginia are not only useful navigational aids, they also pay tribute to the region's storied history. © Embassy

Onancock Creek. Find Fl R 4s BELL R "2" west of the entrance to Onancock Creek. Fl R 4s BELL R "2" is also about 7nm south-southeast of Fl G 2.5s 15ft HORN "1" marking the eastern approach to Tangier from Tangier Sound.

From Fl R 4s BELL R "2," head about 095°m for roughly 3nm to Fl G 4s 14ft "1" marking the entrance to Onancock Creek. From here it is 8nm up the creek to town.

The next refuge for transients is 35nm to the south at the railroad ferry town of **Cape Charles**, which has a marina and fishing facilities but little else to attract tourists. From Fl R 4s R "36" in the York Spit Channel, it's 4nm on a heading of 127°m to the entrance of Cape Charles. Keep an eye out for Latimer Reef just west of Cape Charles. About 6nm south of the town, two huge concrete ships provide protection for an anchorage off Kiptopeke State Park and its beaches. The ships were sunk there to act as breakwaters.

If you proceed south 14nm from Fl R 4s R "36" in the York Spit Channel from R "36," you'll arrive at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, a 13nm span connecting



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The mammoth gray hulls of America's naval ships cast an imposing shadow as you cruise north along the Intracoastal Waterway through the Hampton Roads area. © Embassy

Fisherman's Island and Chesapeake Beach. Open water over tunnels at the Chesapeake Channel and the Thimble Shoals Channel provide unfettered passage between the Bay and the Atlantic. A 75-foot high-rise bridge allows boat traffic to head for the ocean about a mile off Fishermans Island. (Refer to the *Hampton Roads to Virginia Beach* section described earlier in this chapter.)

Hampton Roads and the James River

From Thimble Island Shoal Light Fl 10s 55ft 18M HORN, head west into Hampton Roads. The city of **Hampton** is the next major port-of-call and is one of the most frequented cities on Virginia's coast. Approach **Hampton Roads** via the Thimble Shoal Channel.

As you enter the well-marked Hampton Roads, keep a close watch for ship traffic—these waters are very busy. Be sure that you maintain a position in the 250-yard-wide channel that facilitates passing less maneuverable, oncoming traffic port-to-port.

The entry to Hampton Roads is about 0.7nm wide, marked by concrete islands on both sides and to the north by Old Point Comfort. The most southern concrete island abuts Fort Wool, where in 1862 President Abraham Lincoln watched Union artillery men lob cannon shells at Confederate troops in Norfolk.

Northwest of **Sewells Point**, the Entrance Reach splits. Extending west is the Newport News Channel and the James River. To the south is the Norfolk Harbor Reach, which takes you to the beginning of the ICW.

Make the trek up the **James River**, as Captain John Smith and his settlers did in 1607. You're not far from where

the world's first ironclad warships fought in 1862. Coal piers line the north shore of the river, supplanted as you go upstream by the sprawling facilities of Newport News Shipbuilding Company, the nation's only builder of aircraft carriers—usually there's a carrier or two under construction in the yards. Just west of the shipyard towers is the James River Bridge (vertical clearance: 60 feet; can be raised to 145 feet).

Continuing northwest up the James River, your next destination is Jamestown Settlement, the site of America's first permanent English colony.

Jamestown Island is located near Fl G 4s GONG G "55." Unfortunately for many, marinas and facilities on the island are

beyond the 12-foot vertical clearance Powhatan Creek Fixed Bridge. Instead, anchor across the channel from Glass House Point and take a dinghy across.

The Beginning Of The Intracoastal Waterway

The most popular option from Hampton Roads is to head south in Norfolk Harbor Reach. Continue south down the deep, well-marked series of reaches until Q R "36" between Hospital Point in Portsmouth and Town Point in Norfolk—this is the beginning of the Intracoastal Waterway. At this point you can head east into the Eastern branch or continue south on the ICW.

You will encounter numerous bridges on your journey down the ICW—please refer to the Bridge Index for vertical clearance and scheduling information. At SM 7.2 just south of Interstate Highway No. 64 Bascule Bridge (vertical clearance: 65 feet) you'll have to choose your route down to North Carolina. To the west, between G "1" and R "2," is Deep Creek, which leads to the **Great Dismal Swamp Canal Route**. Your other choice, which is more popular with ICW travelers, is the **Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal**, which will be discussed later.

Great Dismal Swamp Canal Route

Along the 64.6nm of the **Great Dismal Swamp Canal Route**, you'll pass over the Virginia/North Carolina state line at SM 24.6. The route has a controlling depth of 6 feet and a speed limit of 7 mph in the Dismal Swamp Canal proper. Negotiating this route involves passing through the Deep Creek Lock at SM 10.6 and the South Mills Lock at SM 32.8. Along the route there are anchorages at: SM 8 (in the basin



Boats of any size can get hauled out in Virginia, home to some of the world's largest shipyards—especially in Hampton Roads. © Embassy

to the east), SM 10.6 (in channel prior to Deep Creek Lock), SM 43.2 (at Goat Island behind G "13"), and SM 47.9 (to the east in an unnamed creek). There is dockage available at: SM 10.7 (no facilities; contact lockmaster for approach depths, or approach with care), SM 11.2 (room for 3 boats with shopping and restaurants nearby), SM 28 (at the North Carolina Visitors Center's 150-foot dock with 6 feet mlw dockside depth, restroom facilities and water), SM 32.4 (no facilities), SM 32.6 (outside lock, no facilities) and at SM 50.9 (Mariner's Wharf, a free courtesy dock with a 48-hour limit and no facilities). See the North Carolina chapter for information on Elizabeth City and the rest of this route.

Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal

The Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal is by far the most popular choice among cruising boaters, who stream north in spring and south in fall. Between SM 7.2 and the Virginia/North Carolina state line at SM 33.9, there are five opening bridges, 2 fixed bridges and a lock. Consult the Bridge Index for specific information on the bridges and lock.

Great Bridge, the community at SM 12, is a regular stopover for cruisers who stay at the marina just east of Great Bridge or tie up at no charge to pilings on the south side of the canal between the bridge and Great Bridge Lock. Either way, **Great Bridge is a convenient stopover** where you can stock up on provisions or dine.

Following the ICW south of Great Bridge, you'll pass under the 65-foot-high Route 168 Bypass Fixed Bridge (SM 13.2), the Centerville Turnpike Swing Bridge (SM 15.2) with 4 feet of clearance when closed, and the Route 165 Swing Bridge (SM 20.2) with 6 feet of clearance when closed.

The scenery and wildlife can be breathtaking as the waterway swings through swampy areas and into the North Landing River, which flows into Currituck Sound in North Carolina. You'll cross into North Carolina at about SM 34. Pick up the rest of the ICW in the North Carolina chapter.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

Coast Guard: All stations monitor VHF 16

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

Radio Telephone:



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888-MARITEL (888-627-4835)

Tow Service:

SEA TOW—24-Hour Dispatch (800-4-SEATOW)

—Lower Chesapeake (804-642-6800)

—Hampton Roads (804-642-6800)

TowBOAT/U.S.—24-Hour Dispatch (800-391-4869)

—Potomac Marine (703-670-0080)

—Alexandria (301-292-5700)

—Station Hampton Roads (757-496-8900)

Coastal areas along America's Atlantic seaboard are steeped in historic monikers. Take the area around Deltaville, for instance. East of Broad Creek you'll find Stingray Point, affectionately named for Capt. John Smith's not-so-pleasant encounter with such a bottom-dweller in 1608.

The town of Deltaville—originally called Unionville because of the union of two churches—takes more of a utilitarian approach. It is named such because it is at the delta of the Rappahannock River.

This position has not been lost on the local residents who have made their living building boats. There was a time when nearly two dozen boatbuilders lined the shores, a time when Deltaville was referred to as the "Boat Building Capital of the World." Today, marinas and boatyards have taken the place of boatbuilders (though you'll still find a few).

No matter what you call the area, Deltaville's waters are abuzz with cruisers—a destination away from the often-crowded Hampton Roads region.

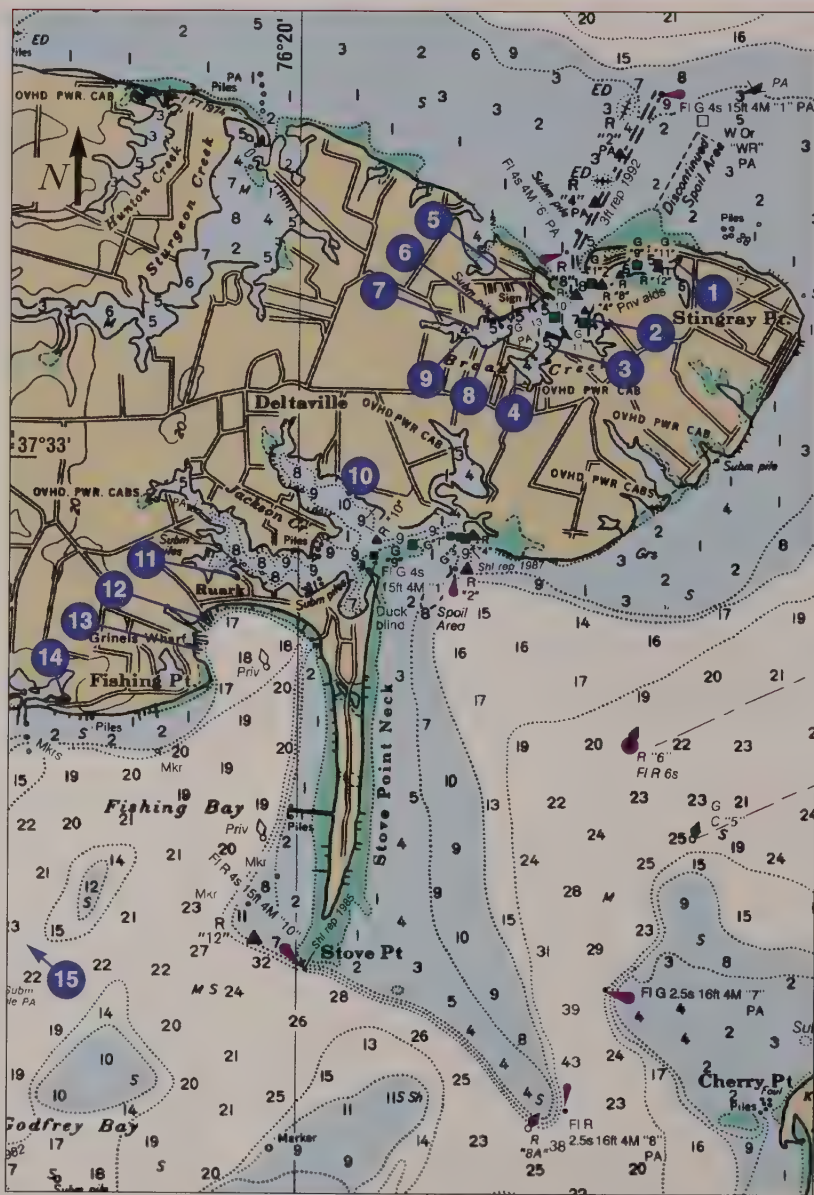
What To See and Do

Boating. That's right, boats are what Deltaville is known for and boating is what people do here. It's the perfect place to get some maintenance done before embarking on an ICW journey. Rest assured, folks in the "Boat Building Capital of the World" know what they're doing.

The town is pleasant enough, worthy of a stroll. If that doesn't sound interesting enough—or if you're laid up for a few hours, or days—call the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce (804-758-5540) in Urbanna, for the goods on activities in the surrounding area.

Restaurants and Provisions

The Town of Deltaville is accustomed to boaters, so when it comes to restaurants it's no surprise to see that most will deliver to your dock. As you might well assume—seafood is the staple.



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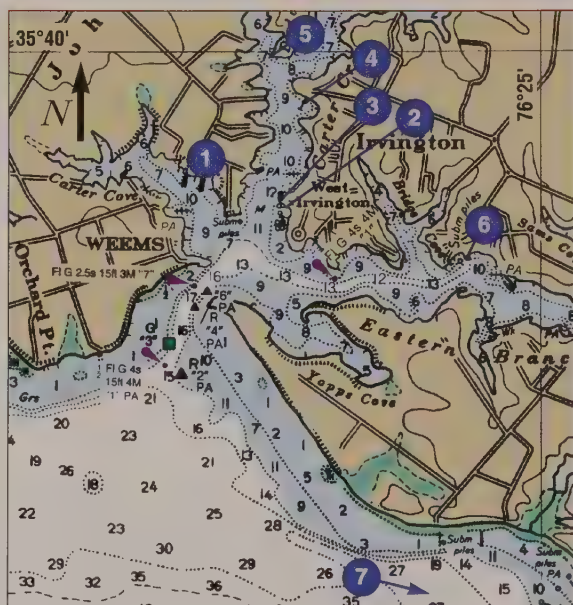
If your galley is dry, let the friendly folks at The Galley (804-776-6040) on Route 33 reprovise your lockers with traditional entrées in a relaxed atmosphere. As any salt knows, "Red sky at night, sailor's delight." Keep that in mind when you have a smooth sail into Red Sky Restaurant (804-776-6913), serving traditional seafood as well as some Southwestern dishes. And don't forget about Taylor's Restaurant (804-776-9611), which also serves breakfast for the early-risers among you.

The Historic Christ Church (804-438-6855) has been unchanged since colonial times. It features a “triple-decker” pulpit and pews with four-foot-high walls. Collectors should float over to the eclectic Wood-A-Drift Art Shop for nautical gifts and art.

For tasty seafood et al, try the Annabel Lee Restaurant (804-435-2123) or the River Cafe (408-435-0113). At the Tides Inn (800-TIDESINN), you'll get a classy meal at the Captain's Quarters.

The channel into Carter Creek and Irvington begins between the Fl G 4s 15ft 4M "1" light and R "2." Leave the light well to the west as you enter. A short run takes you to some of the Chesapeake's finest yachting facilities. The creek holds at least 9 feet of water, safe for deep-draft cruising vessels.

The Eastern Branch splits eastward from Carters Creek, facilities and anchoring here. Yopps Cove, south of the branch, is also a good anchorage.



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After years of claiming independence from British rule, Virginia became the stage for the final act of the American Revolution, with Yorktown the final scene. The main antagonist in this drama was Charles, Lord Cornwallis who arrived in Virginia in 1781 to command British forces. Upon arriving, he moved his troops from Old Point Comfort to Yorktown, where an American and French trap would eventually overtake him.

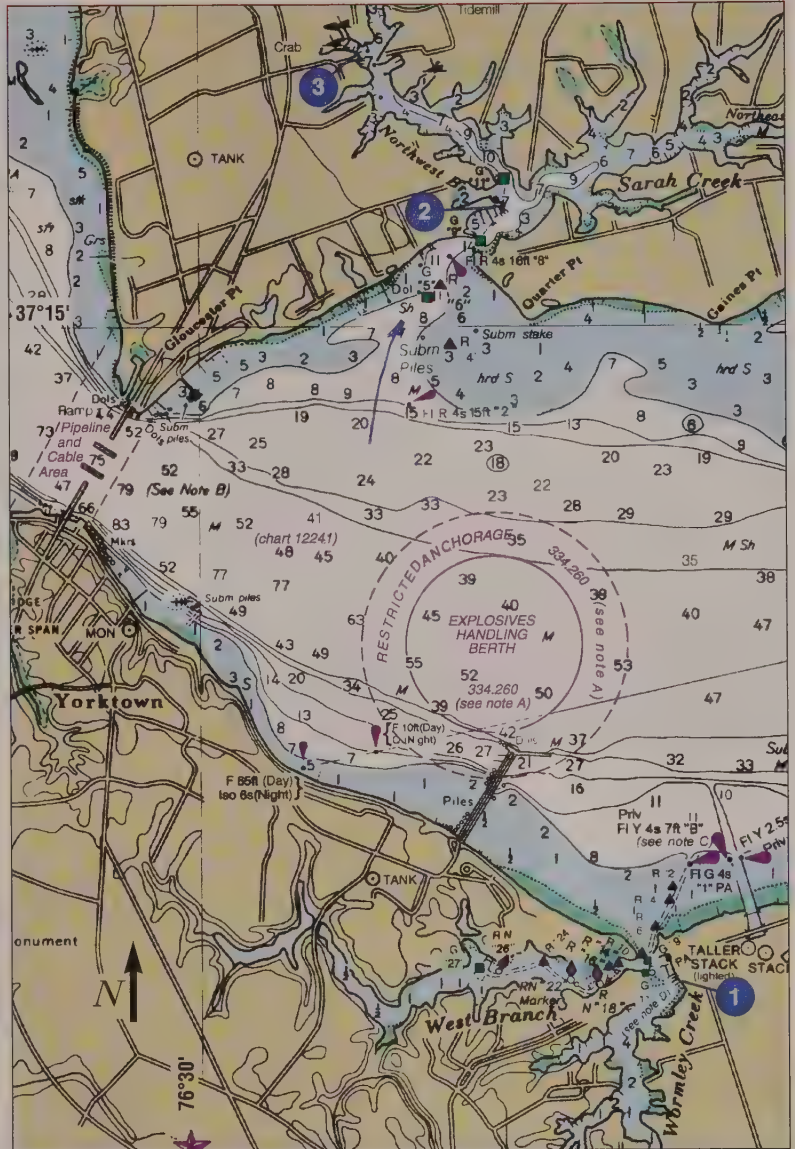
Surprisingly, those who would set the trap on Cornwallis were still in New England—General George Washington in New York and French General Comte De Rochambeau in Newport, Rhode Island. After much strategic planning, Washington and Rochambeau began their march toward Virginia. They reached it on September 14, entering Yorktown on the 27th.

The American and French forces dug formidable entrenchments and batteries were emplaced, surrounding Cornwallis and using the York River as an ally. On October 9, 1781, the first cannon was fired on Yorktown. After what seemed like a non-stop attack, Cornwallis attempted to flee, but a storm thwarted those plans. Surrender was his only option.

At about 10 o'clock on the 17th, a British officer appeared waving a white handkerchief. Plans for surrender were laid out; the drama was not over. As the British troops marched between lines of American and French soldiers, the British remained indignant. Cornwallis refused to appear for the surrender, instead sending General O'Hara to give his ceremonial sword to Washington. Refusing to play the British's games, Washington shrugged the offering and pointed toward American General Lincoln, who, upon receiving it, returned it to O'Hara. The final act of the American Revolution had been played out, right here along the banks of the York River.

What To See and Do

Understandably, most of the activities around here revolve around the surrender at Yorktown, so be prepared for a good amount of historic lore. Your first stop should be the Yorktown Visitor Center (804-898-3400) on the east side of



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town. Here you'll become immersed in the American Revolution through film, tours and a museum. Close by is the Yorktown Victory Monument, commissioned by the Continental Congress in 1781 to commemorate the victory in Yorktown.

Across town, the Yorktown Victory Center Museum (804-887-1776) plays the part of Continental Army campfire along with an 18th-century farm site. A host of other sights and museums complete this historic town. Pick up a visitors' guide to plan your strategy.

If you get a little tired of all the Revolution talk, you'll want to hit the Watermen's Museum (757-887-2641). The sea has always been a big part of the lives of those living on the Chesapeake, and the museum brings this fact to life with ship models, painting, photos, artifacts and tools from the work boat industry.

Restaurants and Provisions

If 1944 was a good year for you, we just might have the place for you to eat. If you weren't born in 1944, well, it's still a pretty darn good eatery. We're talking about Nick's Seafood Pavilion (757-887-5269), a place with a beautiful view of the York River, where the menu and decor haven't changed since—you guessed it—1944.

You'll find your usual pub atmosphere at the Yorktown Pub (804-898-8793), with one delicious twist—you must try the homemade desserts. There's also the Beach House Restaurant (804-890-2804) where you can get your fill of deli sandwiches and pizza right on the water.

Navigation and Anchorages

York River Entrance

The bars and shoals that surround the river's entrance make shortcuts somewhat dangerous. The York River Entrance Channel begins more than 12nm southeast of the mouth of the river, between Fl G 2.5s G "1YR" and Fl R 2.5s GONG "2." From the south, pick up the well-marked channel. From the north, swing east of Fl G 4s 4M "3" light and into the river. Follow the well-marked river to Yorktown.

Sarah Creek

While all of the attractions are in Yorktown and Williamsburg, Sarah Creek is where all of the marinas are around here. About 6nm upriver, Sarah Creek branches off on the north shore. Enter the creek by heading west of Fl R 4s 15ft “2” and follow the meandering, marked channel to a number of transient facilities.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

Coast Guard: All stations monitor VHF 16

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

Radio Telephone:

MARITIME VHF 25, 26, 27

Marine Communications System 888-MARITEL (888-627-4835)

Tow Service:

SEA TOW —Hampton Roads (804-642-6800)

TowBOAT/U.S.—24-Hour Dispatch (800-391-4869)

Marine Facilities and Services

All Coast Guard Stations
Monitor VHF Channel 16

DOCKAGE				SERVICES				SUPPLIES				AMENITIES			

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Tangier Island is a quiet place with no fancy hotels or hot nightclubs, no must-see sights or amusement park. Of the fewer than 800 residents who seem to live in three-quarter time, many are descendants of the original settlers and still depend upon the sea for their livelihood. As if protected from the outside world, old habits have a knack of hanging on around here. Some say the island's accent hasn't changed since it was settled. This eccentricity certainly adds to the flavor.

What To See and Do

You'll find Tangier Island's peacefulness limits your activities to renting a golf cart at RB's Rentals (757-891-2240) and cruising around. It's relaxing, isn't it?

Restaurants and Provisions

Just because there's not much to choose from doesn't mean you won't find good eats. Hop over to Hilda Crockett's Chesapeake House, a long-time favorite. This family-style restaurant serves up typical bay cuisine—crab cakes, crab fritters, oysters, and fish. Fishermen's Corner and The Island Seafood Restaurant also take advantage of the water that surrounds them.

Navigation and Anchorages

From Chesapeake Bay

To approach Tangier Island from Chesapeake Bay, head for the Tangier Island West Channel Light Fl G 2.5s 15ft 4M "1." A useful shore reference when approaching is the silver water tower just to the south of this entrance.

CAUTION: Stay clear of the prohibited area to the southwest, where Navy jets practice bombing.

From Tangier Sound

From the north, head for Fl G 6s BELL G "5." Bear about 246°m to Fl G 2.5s 15ft HORN "1," the beginning to the eastern entrance channel.



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From the south, stay east of Tangier Sound Light Fl 6s 45ft 7M light south of the island's southern tip. Stay east of G C "3" before turning northwest toward Fl G 2.5s 15ft HORN "1" and the eastern entrance.

Tangier Island

The western channel is dredged to 7 feet, but silts continuously. Deep-draft vessels should seek local knowledge before attempting the passage. The eastern entrance is dredged to 8 feet, but also silts.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

Coast Guard: All stations monitor VHF 16

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

Radio Telephone:



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888-MARITEL (888-627-4835)

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1 Park's Marina	757-891-2431	20	Y 60 6 6 F	30		RS	P

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HAMPTON ROADS

Hampton Roads is the large natural harbor into which the James, Elizabeth, Hampton, Nansemond and Lafayette rivers flow. But Hampton Roads can also mean the lands surrounding this body of water, including Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Newport News and Hampton, plus the neighboring Virginia Beach and Chesapeake.

The Powhatan Indians were here long before that first band of Englishmen arrived in the spring of 1607. Though the English did not linger long before continuing upriver to Jamestown, they returned within three years and made themselves comfy at Old Point Comfort. Shortly after that, they attacked a Kecoughtan village, drove out the natives, and "opened up" the general terrain for settlement. Soon a smattering of colonists had settled in what is now Hampton. Thanks to its location at the entrance to the bay, the region quickly developed as a shipping and maritime hub.

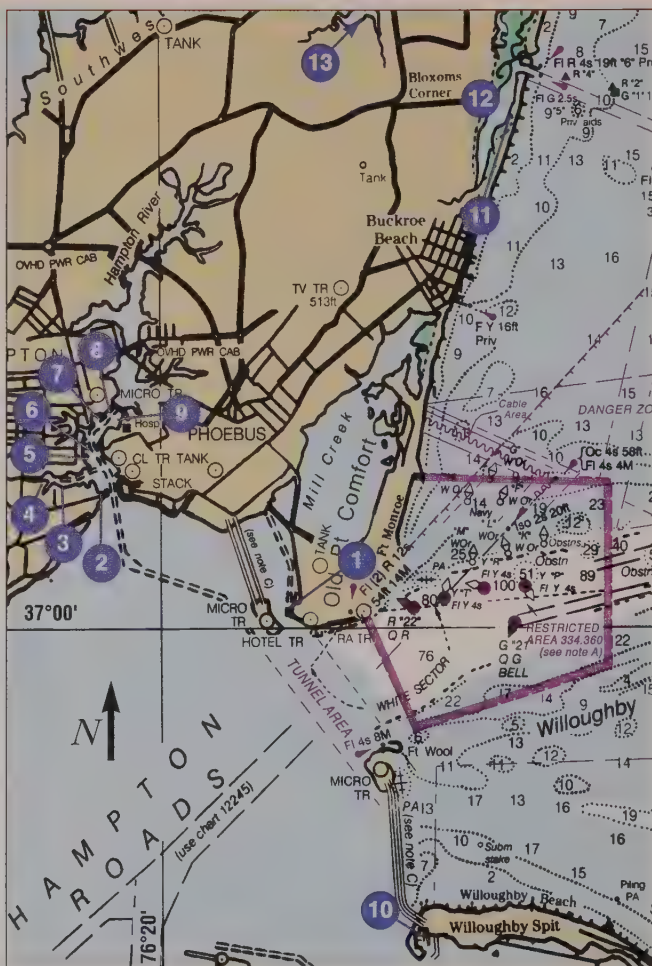
War, more than anything else, has sealed the fate of this area. Hampton Roads was the site of the famous Naval battle of the *Monitor* and *Merrimac* in 1862. When the Revolution broke out, Hampton Roads' strategic position was not lost on the British, who attacked and badly ravaged Norfolk, Portsmouth and Hampton. The Civil War struck Hampton Roads hard as well, tearing the area in two. From the beginning, the Union held onto Hampton's Fort Monroe, using it as a stronghold in the midst of Confederate territory. Soon, much of the rest of the region was in Federal hands.

Ironically, recent wars have brought only prosperity to this area, as men, material, and money have flooded in. Even in these post-Cold War days, the navy, air force and army are all well-represented here, and Hampton Roads remains one of the greatest shows of military might on earth.

What To See and Do

In Norfolk, don't miss Nauticus, the National Maritime Center, featuring critter tanks, interactive displays, films, and hands-on exhibits on all things sea-related. A highlight of the center is the Tugboat Museum, aboard the restored *Huntington*. Nearby, the Waterside Festival Marketplace offers shops, entertainment, and a marina.

Make tracks for the Norfolk Trolley, perhaps the best way to see the city. The trolleys stop at various points of interest, including St. Paul's Church, where you can see a cannonball still embedded in the wall from the British attack in 1776. When you want to go hog-wild and make a long day of it, take one of the tours that head to Colonial Williamsburg and Busch Gardens Williamsburg. Baseball fans take note: the Norfolk Tides (757-622-2222), Triple-A affiliate of the New York Mets, play a short cab ride away at Harbor Park.



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Just a few blocks from Hampton's city docks, the pedestrian mall is a fine place to hang out, with an array of shops and restaurants. On Settlers Landing Road, give the restored Hampton Carousel (804-727-6479) a whirl and experience an American tradition. Nearby, hit up the Hampton Visitor Center (804-727-1102), in the lighthouse-like structure or the Hampton Department of Conventions and Tourism (804-722-1222) on Eaton Street. Both offer sightseeing tips.

The Virginia Air and Space Center (800-296-0800) is a stellar addition to Hampton's downtown skyline. The glass, brick and aluminum building, topped off by a winged roof, also houses the Hampton Roads History Center. Its awe-inspiring features include the Apollo 12 command capsule, an IMAX theater, moon rock exhibits, and an interactive space gallery.

Portsmouth proudly preserves its maritime history with a pair of museums on the banks of the Elizabeth River. The

Naval Shipyard Museum (757-393-8591) will transport you back in time with Civil War items, model ships, naval memorabilia, and local artifacts. The bright red *Portsmouth* poses as the Lightship Museum (757-393-8741) to honor the mobile beacons and the people who kept them glowing. Nearby, the Children's Museum (757-393-8393) awaits small sets of fingers to try out its hands-on exhibits. Call the Portsmouth Convention and Visitors Bureau (800-PORTS-VA) for more ideas.

Another great place to spend a day away from port is Virginia Beach, where the shoreline resembles Myrtle Beach, the Jersey shore, and other Atlantic resort towns, with video arcades, miniature golf, food and ice cream stands, and carnival rides. While you're there, visit Cape Henry Lighthouse on Fort Story, stroll along the boardwalk, and swim or surf in the rollicking waves.

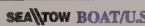
Restaurants and Provisions

In Portsmouth, Amory's Wharf (757-399-0991) offers seafood with a view atop a pier at the marina downtown. You'll get the same scenic perspective, along with island-style eats, from the deck of the Cock Island Bar & Grill at the Holiday Inn Olde Town. When you want a satisfying selection of deli sandwiches and omelets accompanied by acoustic music, head to the foot of High Street for the Jewish Mother.

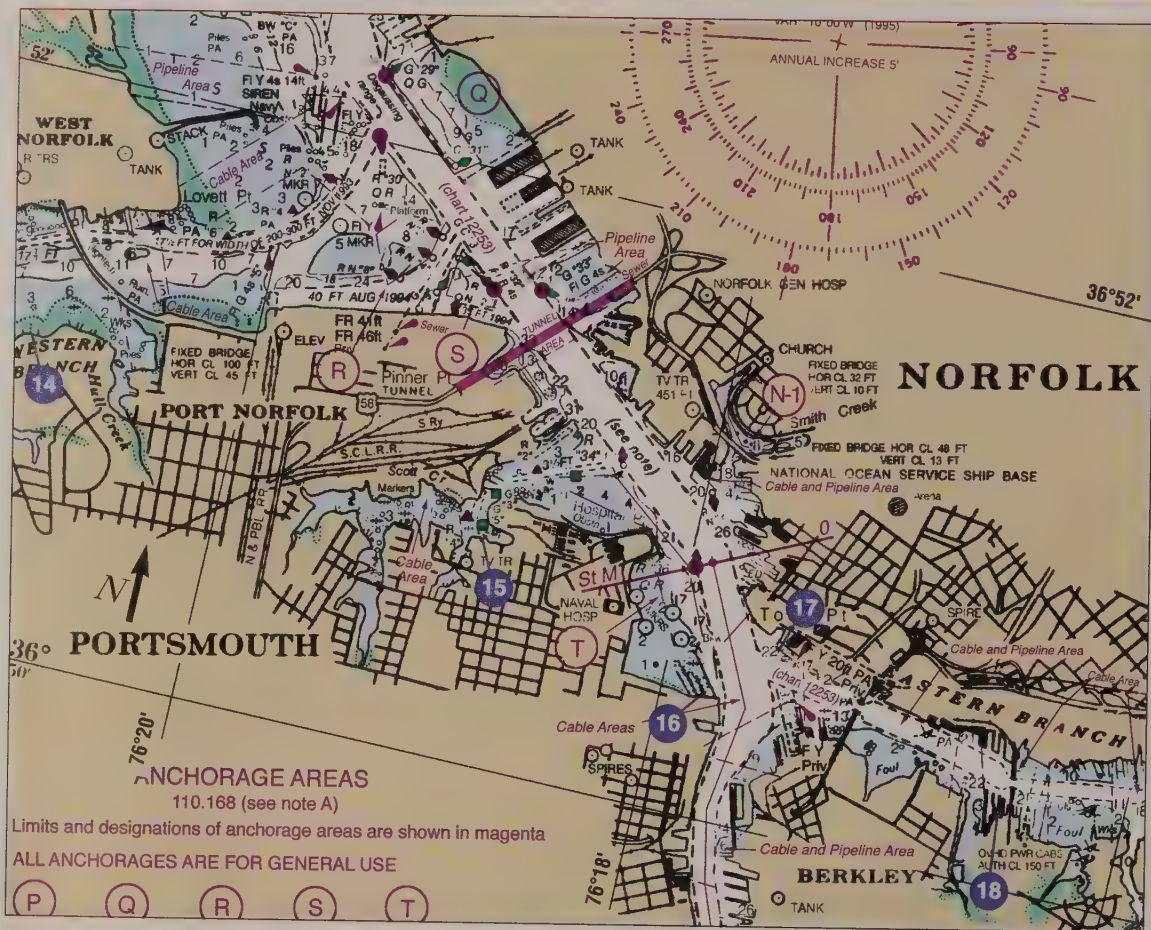
Olde Town Portsmouth caters to the boating crowd with a variety of eateries in walking distance of the marinas. Brutti's Cafe & Bakery (757-393-1923) wins the prize for best Sunday brunch, with gourmet sandwiches as well. Next door, you'll flip for the burgers at the Baron's Pub (757-483-1011), a



Enlighten yourself at the Lightship Museum aboard the U.S.S. Portsmouth. © Embassy

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3	Bluewater Yacht Sales		757-723-0793			16	68	1	Y	80	16	6	F	★★▲50	R	L100	PWFE			M	R		MV	
4	Sunset Yachting Center 		757-722-3325			16	69	5	Y	100	9	9	F	▲30	DL	L11	All	GD	Mob	MIB	RP	P	All	
5	Bluewater Yachting Center		757-723-5774			16	68	2	Y	75	16	8	F	★★▲50		C2	SRFE			MGI	RS		MV	
5	North Sails Hampton		757-722-4000					2	Y	85	15	14	F	★★▲50			SR				RS	P	MV	
6	Jones Marina		757-723-0998					10	Y	55				★				D		MIB	RP	P		
6	South Bay Yachting		757-722-3580					2	Y	80	12	12					All				R			
7	Customs House Marina*		757-868-9375					8	Y	100+	14	10		▲50						I	RSP		PRS	
8	Hampton Public Piers		757-726-1276			16	68	24	Y	120	12	10	F	★★▲50	D					I	All	HP	PR	MV
9	Joy's Marina*		757-868-9375						Y	40				★20							RSP			
10	Willoughby Bay Marina		757-588-2663					2		60	8	8	F	★30	RL	L6	PSRGF	GD	Tex	MIB	RSP	HP	PRS	MVD
10	Willoughby Harbor Marina		757-583-4150			16	9	15	Y	50+	9	9+	F	★★▲50						I	All		P	MV
11			888-881-0897 p. 331					80+	Y	90	8	10	FP	★★▲50			PRGD WFE	GD	Tex	MGIB	All	PTG	PR	All
12	South Hall Landings		757-850-9929			16	9	40	Y	54	8+	6+	F	★★▲50	D		SRG DWF			MIB	RSP	PT	P	MV
13	Marina Cove Boat Basin		757-851-0511					83	Y	4+	4	4	P	★★		L17			D	MGI	RSP		P	

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DOCKAGE			SERVICES			SUPPLIES			AMENITIES		
Facility	Phone	Address	Mooring	Depth	Length	Width	Height	Capacity	Gas	Water	Electricity
14 Nautical Boats Marina	757-483-6148		16	10	Y	65	25	5	F	★60	L50 DWF
15 Portsmouth Boating Center*	757-397-2092										MI RSP P
16 TIDEWATER YACHT MARINA	757-393-2525	p. 329	16	68	80	Y	125	15	8	FC	★100 D L60 All GD Tex MGIL All All All MV
17 WATERSIDE MARINA	757-625-2000	p. 325	16	68	50	Y	450	45	20	F	★100 D L70 PSRE GD MGI All HP All All
18 COLONNA'S SHIPYARD	757-545-2414	p. 327	16	9		Y	200+	28	32	F	★5000 R2.5 PSRD WF MVA

Information in these listings is provided by the facilities themselves. An asterisk (*) indicates that the facility did not respond to our most recent requests for information. Refer to the tables at the end of this chapter for additional facilities.

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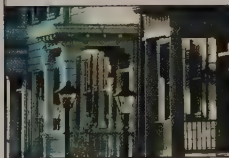
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favorite gathering spot. Across the street from the German eatery known as the Bier Garden you'll get the complete picture at the Commodore Theater (757-393-6962), an old-fashioned movie palace serving up first-run movies and first-rate food.

Hampton hinders hunger with a multitude of restaurants, including a cluster in the Radisson Hotel: Victor's (757-727-9700) for fine dining, Signals Sports Grill for lounge food with a view, and Oyster Alley, a marina-side spot serving casual chow. Second Street Restaurant & Tavern teams food with entertainment, as does Goodfellas (757-723-4979), with a mix of pasta, burgers and live blues. Goody's (757-722-3662) lets you craft your own sandwich, while the Grey Goose (757-723-7978) presents authentic vittles of the region.

Also in Hampton, eat your fill of seafood at Fisherman's Wharf (757-723-3113), or chew on some innovative menu items at Fire & Ice (757-826-6698). In Phoebus (Hampton's incarnation of Key West), the waterfront choices are Sam's (757-723-3709) and Keith's Dockside, while Victorian Station's cuisine—high tea, crumpets, and luncheon items—is decidedly fit for a queen.

In Norfolk, wander off the waterfront to the Dumbwaiter (757-623-3663) and experience their nouvelle southern food, a fancy bar crowd, and live jazz on weekends. Another good bet for regional cuisine is The 219. If you're a-seeking European dishes, choose from the Monastery (757-625-

8193) or the Bistro for fine wine and continental dishes, or order an Italian specialty at the bold, brassy La Galleria Ristorante (757-623-3939).

A visit to Ghent is well worth the five-minute cab ride from downtown Norfolk, especially when you're hungry. Among the three dozen or so restaurants is Magnolia Steak (757-625-0400), known for big cuts of meat, microbrews, and a fantastic wine list. Elliot's (757-625-0259) delivers meals with local flair—the well-decorated walls practically give you a history lesson while you eat. Cross the border into Colley Cantina (757-622-0033) for Tex-Mex favorites, or go ape over the nouvelle cuisine at the Wild Monkey (757-627-6462). The retro set will enjoy the homemade doughnuts and breakfast and lunch selections in the old-fashioned diner atmosphere of the DoNut Dinette (757-625-0061).

Navigation and Anchorages

Back River to Thimble Shoal Light

Our coverage of the Hampton Roads area begins outside of the Back River, at Fl G 4s 15ft 4M "1BR." From here, head south-southwest for 2.3nm to reach Fl G 2.5s 15ft 4M "3" light. Turn northwest and head between Fl G 2.5s "5" and Fl R 4s 19ft "6" light and the breakwaters. Once inside the inlet, head south to find Salt Ponds Marina Resort and South Hall Landings.



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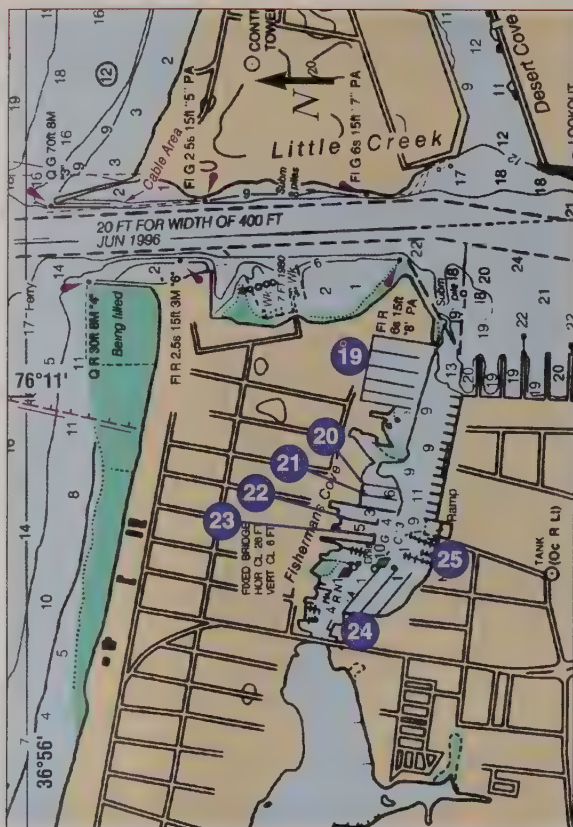
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From Fl G 2.5s 15ft 4M "3" light, head about 178°m for Thimble Shoal Light Fl 10s 55ft 18M HORN. Once you are here you have the option of heading west into Hampton Roads, or east toward Little Creek.

Little Creek

Instead of heading directly into the thick of all the traffic in Hampton Roads, head southeast from Thimble Shoal Light toward Little Creek. The entrance is marked by Fl G 4s "1," about 7nm from the entrance to Hampton Roads and 2nm west of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel.

The straight channel leads you to Fl R 6s 15ft "8" where you'll head west into Fishermen's Cove to find five transient facilities, including Bay Point, Little Creek, and Cobbs Marinas. The rest of Little Creek, including Desert and Little Creek coves, is owned by the Navy and is off-limits.

Entering Hampton Roads

Your entrance into Hampton Roads is easy once you're at Thimble Shoal Light Fl 10s 55ft 18M HORN. Simply head west about 3.5nm to the 0.7nm-wide entrance between Old Point Comfort and a concrete island to the north, and the concrete island of Fort Wool to the south. Pick up the Entrance Reach south of Old Point Comfort, between QR R "WR2" and QG G "1ER."

As you enter Hampton Roads, watch for ship traffic, and be ready to get out of their way—they don't move. About 1.5nm into the Entrance Reach, the channel splits. Head west into the Newport News Channel to reach James River, or continue south into Norfolk Harbor Reach toward Portsmouth, Norfolk and the Intracoastal Waterway.

		DOCKAGE		SERVICES				SUPPLIES				AMENITIES										See page 311	
Marine Facilities and Services		All Coast Guard Stations Monitor VHF Channel 16		110V ★ 220V ▲ 3 Phase				Repairs: Propeller / Sail / Rigging / Gas Diesel / Wood / Fiberglass / Electronics				Marine / Groceries / Ice / Bail / LPG / CNG Restrooms / Showers / Laundry / Pumpout Public Phone / Restaurant / Snack Bar MasterCard / VISA / Discover / AmEx										Fuel Brand	
				Approach Depth in Feet at MLW				Ramp / Lift / Crane / Phone / Cable TV				Gas / Diesel Fuel											
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Willoughby Bay

After passing Fort Wool, Willoughby Bay sits to the south. You can enter the bay west of Fort Wool, in the channel beginning between G "1" and the Fl R 2.5s "2" light. Stay west of all the green markers and lights as you swing south of Willoughby Spit, where you'll find several transient facilities. The bay itself is deep and has good holding.

Lafayette River

The entrance to Lafayette River is fairly simple. Enter the channel at the Fl R 4s 14ft "2" light, east of Craney Island. Stay in the 8-foot dredged channel—the water outside is shallow. At the northeastern end of the channel, the river deepens. Once you pass under the 26-foot-high Hampton Boulevard Fixed Bridge, look for a spot to spend a quiet anchorage.

Western Branch

South of Lambert Bend you can pick up the channel to Western Branch, west of Q R "30." The channel is well marked as it passes between West Norfolk to the north and Port Norfolk to the south. About 1.2nm inside the channel, you'll come across a 45-foot-high fixed bridge and another 1.2nm brings you to

the 38-foot-high Churchland Fixed Bridge.

The Beginning of the ICW

Though it may not seem of that great importance, Q R "36" between Hospital Point and Town Point is the official starting point to the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW). This marker denotes statute mile (SM) 0. The ICW continues south, all the way to Key West, Florida.

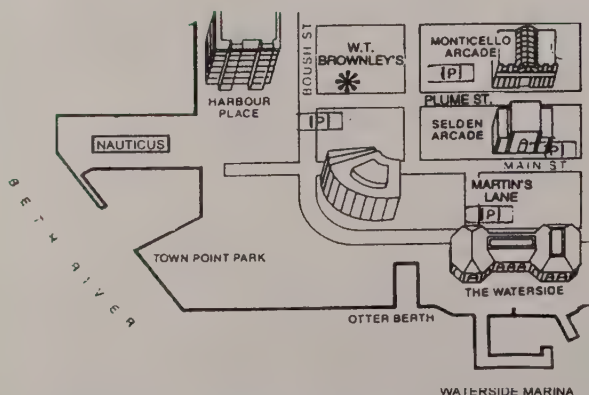
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1	Cockrell's Marine Railway*	804-453-3560										★15	RL	R50	PGDWF				R				
2	Buzzard's Point Marina	804-453-3545			5		S	100	7	7	F	★▲50			L10	PGDWF	GD	Tex	I	RSP		P	MVD
2	Fairport Marina	804-453-5002	72		2+		Y		6	6	F	★▲30					GD	BP	MI	R		RS	MV
2	Ingram Bay Marina	804-580-7292	16	9	6		Y	50	12	6.5	F	★50	RD			GD	GD	She	MIB	All		P	MV
2	Jennings Boat Yard	804-453-7181			6		Y	50	10	10		★▲50		RL60	WF				M	RSP			
2	Tiffany Yachts	804-453-3464			3		Y	80	12	10	F	★★		RL70	All	GD	Tex	MI	RP				MVA
3	Chesapeake Boat Basin	804-435-3110	16		6		Y	80	10	10	F	★▲50	RD	R8	GDE	GD	Exx	MGIB	RS			P	MV

Rappahannock River to Horn Harbor (see also Irvington and Deltaville Harbor Highlights)

4	Loklies Marina	804-758-2871		68	17	17	Y	75	7	6	All	★▲30								
4	Regent Point Marina	804-758-4457			3		S	45	6+	7	F	★30	R						RSP	P
5	Yankee Point Sailboat Marina	804-462-7018	16	68	35		Y	65	8	8	F	★30	All	L40	All	GD	Exx	MI	RSP	PS
6	Dozier's Port Urbanna Yachting Center	804-758-0000	16	72	6		Y	100	11	10	All	★★▲100	D	LC40	PRGD WFE	G		MI	All	P
6	Mike's Marine Service	804-758-5450	16		10		Y	46	5	6+	F	▲		L40	PGWF	G		MGBI	RSP	P
6	Urbanna Yachting Center	804-758-2342	16	69	6		S	100	12	12	F	★30	R	L25	PSRG DWF	G	Tex	M	RSP	P
7	Greenvale Creek Marina	BOAT/U.S. 804-462-0646	16	68	4		Y	40	8	5	F	★30	RL	R16	GDWF			MIB	RSP	
8	Narrows Marina	804-725-2151	16		40		Y	105	10	7	FC	★▲50		L25	All	GD	Tex	MI	All	HT
9	Horn Harbor Marina	804-725-3223		2			Y	50	6	8	F	★30		RL50	WF	GD	Tex	MI	RSP	P

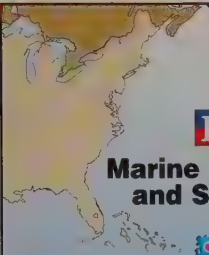
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10	Mobjack Bay Marina	804-725-7245	16		4		Y	40	5.5	5.5	F	★▲30	R	L20	WFE	GD	Tex	MI	RSP		P	
10	Willow Point Marine*	804-725-9555			6		Y				F	★30		L60	PGDWF			I				
11	Cook's Landing Marina	804-642-6177	16		20		Y	45	7	7	F	▲50	RDL	L20	All	GD	Mob	MGIB	RSP	P	PS	MV
11	Holiday Marina	804-642-2528			2	2	Y	60	3	5	F	★30	R	L12	PGWF	GD	Mob	M	RSP			MV
12	Dare Marina	SEA/TOW 757-898-3000	16	17	3+	6	Y	50	8	6	F	★▲50	L	L5	PGFE	G		MGIB	RSP		P	MV
12	Goodwin Island Marine	757-898-5309			4		Y	40	3	3	F	★30	L	L21	All			M	R			
12	Mills Marina	757-898-4411			20		Y	75	7	7	F	★30	R			GD		MGIB	R		PS	
12	Wilkey Marina	757-898-7001	16	68	5	10	Y	45	8	6.5	F	★50	R	R50	All			M	RP		P	

Hampton Roads to Cape Henry (see also *Hampton Roads Harbor Highlight*)

13	Marina Cove Boat Basin	757-851-0511			83		Y	4+	4	P	★★		L17		D		MIG	RSP	P	
14	Lynnhaven Municipal Marina*	757-496-6845																		
14	The Marina at Marina Shores BOAT/U.S.	757-496-7000			5		Y	60		All			L L	GDWFE	GD		MIB	All	P	All
15	Fisherman's Wharf Marina	757-428-2111	68	68	30		Y	100	10	8+	FC	★★100		PGDE	GD	Tex	MGBI	All		PR
15	Rudee's Inlet Station Marina	757-422-2999	16	68	10		Y	80	12	10	All	★★100	D	PGDE	GD		MGBI	All	H	PR
15	Virginia Beach Fishing Center	757-491-8000	16	68	30		Y	100	12	6	All	▲50			GD		MGBI	RS	HTG	All
15	Virginia Beach Marlin Club	757-422-2994	16	68	20		Y	65	12	8	FP	★★50	D		GD		MGBI	RSP	H	PR

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AMENITIES

Gas / Diesel Fuel
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16	Smithfield Station	757-357-7700	16	68	20		Y	80	7	10	F	★▲■50	D					I	RS HP All All
17	James River Marina	757-930-1909			10		Y	55	16	16	F	★▲30	L4	GDWF	G	Tex	MIB	RS	PR
18	Jamestown Yacht Basin	757-229-8309	16	68	5		Y	3.5	3.5	F	★30	R	L15		G	Tex	IBL	RSP	P
18	Kings Mill Marina	757-253-3919	16	16	10	3	Y	55	7	10	F	★▲50	R				GIB	RSP	All All All
19	Jordan Point Yacht Haven	804-458-3398	16	68	4		Y	50	4	6	F	★	FI	L25	PGDF	GD	Tex	MGIB	RSP PG PS MVD
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21	Wachapreague Hotel & Marina BOAT/U.S.	757-787-2105	72	72	6		Y	60	6.5	6	F	★▲	R		PGDE	GD		MGIB	All M All MV
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22	Atlantic Yacht Basin	757-482-2141	16	68	40		Y	120	15	12	F	★▲	L	RLC	SRG DWF	GD	Tex	MI	All P All
23	Centerville Waterway Marina	757-547-4498	13				Y	70	10	8	F	★▲50	R	L	PG	GD		MGIBL	RP P MV
24	Pungo Ferry Marina	757-721-6569	16	68	4		Y	90			F	★50			PGD			MIB	R PR MV

Information in these listings is provided by the facilities themselves. An asterisk (*) indicates that the facility did not respond to our most recent requests for information.



VIRGINIA

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Intracoastal Waterway

NORTH CAROLINA

Murfreesboro

Elizabeth City

Hertford

Edenton

Plymouth

Columbia

Washington

New Bern

Jacksonville

New River

Bogue Inlet

New River Inlet

Topsail Beach

Wilmington

Wrightsville Beach

Carolina Beach

Cape Fear

Bald Head Island

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Tubbs Inlet

Dismal Swamp Canal

Coinjock

Curtis Sound

Kitty Hawk

Roanoke Island

ALBEMARLE SOUND

Alligator River

Pamlico River

PAMLICO SOUND

Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Cape Hatteras

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RALEIGH BAY

Cape Lookout National Seashore

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ATLANTIC OCEAN

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The barrier islands of North Carolina are often described as a necklace, but perhaps to the boater they are better seen as a shield. While they form the protective rim of the Albemarle and Pamlico sounds, the islands also veer into the Atlantic in a series of sweeping arches to form three distinct capes—Cape Fear, Cape Lookout, and Cape Hatteras. These submerged deltas extend out to sea for several miles and create a navigational nightmare for any skipper skirting the coastline. They make up what is commonly called the “Graveyard of the Atlantic.”

Inside the Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds, in the shadow of towering sand dunes and ancient marine forest where pirates and pilgrims gained fame and misfortune, lie some of the most exciting cruising waters on the East Coast. The vast waters of the Albemarle and Pamlico will lead you to such attractive ports as Belhaven, Oriental, Edenton and Manteo. The seemingly untouched National Seashores of the Outer Banks offer comfort from the open seas and refuge from the world, while the more active ports of Washington, Beaufort and Wrightsville Beach offer a less reclusive backdrop.

This diversity can also be seen in the water itself, where you'll find deep cuts as well as some dangerously shallow areas where you'd expect generous waters. A propensity for sandbars, shoals and unexpected obstructions can wreak havoc on the careless skipper, so keep an eye on your chart and your course. Those conditions aside, the beauty of North Carolina is that boating is a year-round activity.

Although most cruisers stick to the ICW, there are a few navigable inlets from the outside. This stretch of the Atlantic has always shoaled. When an inlet was passable, communities arose to take advantage of the opportunities for commerce. When the inlets shoaled, the communities disappeared. Currently, the inlets for Beaufort, Wrightsville Beach, and the Cape Fear River are the best choices, although the Bogue and New River inlets can be used with local knowledge. If you stick to the inland route from Virginia, you'll get a more varied look at North Carolina cruising.

Albemarle-Chesapeake Canal Route: Virginia Border to Elizabeth City

There are two access routes to North Carolina: the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal Route and the Dismal Swamp Route, which branches off at SM 7.2 south of Norfolk. The North Carolina state line occurs at SM 24.6 on the Dismal Swamp Route and SM 33.9 on the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal route. If you choose to trek through the Great Dismal Swamp Canal, Elizabeth City (at the head of the Pasquotank River) will be your first port of interest. The Dismal Swamp Route through to Elizabeth City is described in the Virginia chapter.

Most will choose to stick to the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal. You'll pass into North Carolina waters around G “63,” north of Faraby Island in Currituck Sound. Continue south along the well-marked ICW to Coinjock, at SM



Green is the scene at Tryon Palace Gardens in New Bern. © Embassy

49.5 in the northern end of North Carolina Cut. The wide, well-traveled channel through this section of Currituck Sound has experienced shoaling, so be alert. The rest of the Sound is rather shallow and overgrown with vegetation—perfect for fishing, but not advisable for cruising boats.

Coinjock is a refreshing stop along this route on the waterway. Most would agree that Coinjock is not a destination, but rather a convenient place to fill your tanks, rest up a bit, and move on. Several marine facilities, like Midway Marina and Motel, cater to transients. Note that the 49sm north to Norfolk can be especially time consuming, especially if you're traveling around rush hour. There are several bridges en route to Norfolk that do not open during rush hour. It's also about 86sm south to Belhaven. At about SM 50, you'll cross under a 65-foot-high fixed bridge.

From Coinjock, many are tempted to skip through North River and hurry down the Alligator River on a course for Belhaven. This would deny you one of the best-kept secrets on the East Coast: **Albemarle Sound**. The Albemarle is a



Bargin' on through Coinjock. © Embassy

cruising ground extraordinaire, with long stretches of open water and undeveloped shoreline. The historical significance of the Sound invites you to spend at least part of your cruise examining Elizabeth City, Edenton, Columbia and Manteo.

You'll enter this boating playground south of Fl R 4s 14ft "170" (SM 65.3), just east of Camden Point. Once clear of the spoil area south of the Fl R 4s "170" light and G "171," turn west toward the Pasquotank River Entrance Light Fl 2.5s 30ft 6M. You'll sail about 13sm up the **Pasquotank River** to Elizabeth City, which becomes visible from Cobb Point and Q G 18ft "7." Elizabeth City is discussed later.

If you simply want to continue down the ICW, head about

203nm toward the mouth of the Alligator River. This route is discussed later.

Albemarle Sound: The Pasquotank River to Edenton

Nestled in a bend on the Pasquotank River, **Elizabeth City** (SM 50.9) was first charted by explorers from the English colony on Roanoke Island in 1585. The town prospered as an agricultural, lumber and fishing community until George Washington foresaw the value of an inland waterway link between Chesapeake Bay and Albemarle Sound and signed on with the Canal Corporation. Not only did he invest financially in the project, he helped survey the area. The strategic importance of the Dismal Swamp Canal during the War of 1812 brought growth to Elizabeth City, and though the town's influence has diminished, it is home to the first marine facilities on the Dismal Swamp route. Elizabeth City's walking tour features homes from the neoclassical era, and within the historic districts you'll find more than 30 buildings listed on the National Register. Transient boaters are viewed as an extension of the Albemarle's own seafaring heritage, and few communities express this adoration more eloquently than Elizabeth City.

The Pasquotank and Elizabeth City are only the start of your enjoyment in Albemarle Sound. From the Pasquotank River Entrance Light Fl 2.5s 30ft 6M, turn west and run along

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the north shore of the Albemarle Sound. It's about 9nm to the **Little River** entrance and another 4nm to the mouth of **Perquimans River**. Both offer tranquil, pastoral settings, but little else in terms of amenities.

Due south of the Perquimans is Bull Bay, which leads to the **Scuppernong River**. The Scuppernong is the access route for the town of **Columbia**, where fishing is the mainstay and the river is its provider. The channel entrance is marked by Fl G 4s 4M "1." Stay in the channel when west of Mill Point; the surrounding water can get pretty shallow.

One of the highlights of any cruise on the Albemarle Sound is a visit to **Edenton**, on the north shore near the mouth of the **Chowan River**, about 39nm west of the Pasquotank River Entrance Light. En route, you'll pass under a 65-foot-high fixed bridge between Sandy and Leonards points. Edenton is where you'll find the celebrated Village Green, with its famed teapot, manicured lawn, and ancient elm trees, representing a show of patriotism and intolerance to excessive British rule.

Prior to the Revolution, the town was a flourishing seaport, with countless ships sailing to England loaded with tar, turpentine and timber. Today, it's a quiet town—every house has a garden and every lawn is clipped with precision. The grand old water oaks shade the streets from the heat and the ancient cypress trees funnel the summer breeze through town.

The city dock is the most convenient berth, situated as it is in the heart of the historic district, but it can only be recommended in light or northerly winds due to its exposure to the prevailing southerly breeze. The channel begins at Fl R 2.5s 15ft 4M "2" and the dock is just north of R "8." The Pembroke Creek anchorage, lying off the marked channel about 1sm west of the Edenton town dock, offers better protection if the wind is from the south.

Pamlico Sound: Roanoke Island to Ocracoke

Back at the eastern end of the Albemarle, you'll find the jewel of the Albemarle Sound—**Roanoke Island** and the town of **Manteo**. From Fl G 2.5s "173" light (not shown on chart 12205) southeast of Camden Point, head south-southeast toward Iso 6s 18ft "MG" about 5.6nm from Northwest Point on Roanoke Island.

Here, nestled between the mainland and the barrier islands, English colonists led by Sir Walter Raleigh planned to establish the first permanent settlement in the New World. A rather curious footnote in history, the colony vanished completely. During your stay in Manteo, you should make plans to visit the Elizabethan Gardens, Fort Raleigh and the *Elizabeth II*.

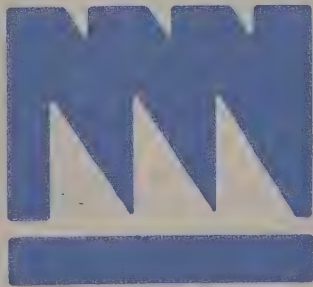
Manteo, on the eastern shore of Roanoke Island, has well-equipped marinas including Pirate's Cove Yacht Club and Marina, that are protected in all but a strong southeast wind. The channel approaching Manteo is straightforward but continuously bordered by shallow water. As you pass Fl R 2.5s 13ft 5M "36," turn south and line up with the channel heading down Roanoke Sound. Be aware that the channel is not governed by "red-right-returning" until you round Fl (2+1) G 6s 15ft 5M "M." Leave this mark to the north as you swing to the west and enter **Shallowbag Bay**.

From Roanoke Island, you may retrace your course through the Albemarle Sound, then into the Alligator River on your way down the ICW to Belhaven. This is the preferred route due to its security and convenient facilities. If you choose this course, however, you miss the opportunity to skirt the **Outer Banks** and visit the charming village of Ocracoke.

This journey takes you through either Croatan Sound or Roanoke Sound. Both routes are generally hospitable for coastal cruisers, offering good facilities, anchorages and well-marked passages. Scenic Croatan Sound, cutting between the mainland and the west coast of Roanoke Island, is bordered mostly by undeveloped shores and forest. Entering Croatan requires passing under the Herbert Omsted Fixed Bridge (vertical clearance: 45 feet). Roanoke Sound is significantly shallower but has a generous channel and allows access to the Outer Banks and the east shore of Roanoke Island.

Once through Roanoke or Croatan sounds, you'll enter **Pamlico Sound**, a peaceful place bordered by wildlife refuges and sanctuaries. One of these protected and popular places is the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Hatteras Harbor is identified by Fl R 2.5s 3M "42RC" and features a half dozen facilities catering to transients. From here, you can visit the landmark often used by weather forecasters to pinpoint hurricanes and other storms working



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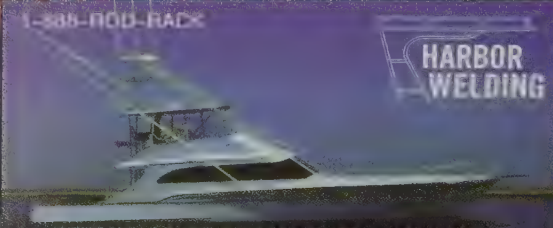
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their way up the Atlantic Coast. From Fl 4s 16ft 5M "E," east of Long Shoal and south of Croatan Sound, head approximately 200nm for 17nm to reach the Hatteras Harbor entrance buoy.

Ocracoke, located on the barrier island of the same name, is about as close as you'll get to island cruising in North Carolina. The Silver Lake anchorage offers ideal depths, and excellent protection, and is bordered by beautiful beaches, a marine forest, and an ancient lighthouse.

From Fl 4s 16ft 5M "E," east of Long Shoal and south of Croatan Sound, head about 227nm for 29.1nm to reach Ocracoke. Your only entrance is through the straight and deep **Big Foot Slough Channel**, which begins between Fl G 2.5s 15ft 4M "13" and Fl R 4s 20ft 4M "14BE" The most common error is to confuse the daymarkers identifying Nine Foot Shoal Channel to the west with your next mark. (*Refer to the Ocracoke Harbor Highlight for more information on the village and its approaches.*)

Southwest of Ocracoke are the barrier islands that make up the **Cape Lookout National Seashore**, an area bordered by shallows that is frequented by small, local boats. There are no facilities for transients here.

North and west of Ocracoke is shallow, too, but from the middle of Pamlico Sound at Q 41ft 6M "BL" at Bluff Shoal you can head northwest to the Pamlico River or southwest to the Neuse River. Both rivers can put you back on the ICW, but you must stick to the buoys and keep the charts handy, as shoals and shallows are scattered between these routes. For most boaters unfamiliar with North Carolina's waters, a better option is always the ICW.

Belhaven and Pamlico River

Those who want to continue along the ICW from Albemarle Sound can simply set your course for the Alligator River, SM 80. Although the river entrance is wide, we suggest you use the charted channel beginning at Fl G 2.5s 19ft 4M "1AR" to avoid the Middle Ground Shoal and the shallow water off Long Shoal Point. There is 4 to 5 feet of water charted over the Middle Ground Shoal, but a stiff blow from the north can lower the water in the river by as much as 2 feet. Once through this narrow passage and after passing the Sandy Point Shoal west of Fl R 4s 15ft 3M "10," you can stray from the channel as the depths in the river increase. Clear the 14-foot-high Alligator River Highway Swing Bridge, which opens on request, and your next destination will then be Belhaven, at SM 135.4. (Note: the Alligator Bridge may not open during high winds.)

Prior to reaching Belhaven, at around SM 131.5 is the Upper Dowry Creek on the north shore, where the Dowry Creek Marina offers space for transients.

Belhaven, at SM 135.4, on the eastern shore of Pantego Creek off the Pungo River, is a delightful southern town with old forests and clear streams. It remains one of the most

popular stops in North Carolina. (Refer to the **Belhaven Harbor Highlight** for more information.)

As you depart Belhaven and continue along the ICW, you'll head south along the Pungo River, which offers safe anchorages in the bight of several creeks. There's little in the way of facilities south of Belhaven. Farther south, the ICW cuts across the Pamlico River to Goose River, which is entered north of Fl G 2.5s 15ft 4M "1."

Pamlico and Neuse Rivers

The towns of **Bath** and **Washington**, west of the ICW, hold significant historical and cultural importance in Pamlico River. While it seems every town in coastal North Carolina can lay claim to at least one story of Blackbeard the Pirate, it was the small village of Bath that enticed Edward Teach to give up his life of plundering and make this village his final home. Prior to the summer of 1718, his bold acts of piracy and pillaging had reached heroic proportions, fueling contempt and outrage from the citizens of Virginia and South Carolina. The governors of these two neighboring states expanded their efforts to capture Blackbeard, and for the first time in his career, he began to fear for his life. This threat of hanging led Blackbeard to accept Royal Governor Charles Eden's condition of pardon. And he gave up pirating.

Teach married a 16-year-old girl and settled into the life of a gentlemen merchant engaged in legitimate trade. He pur-

chased a home on Plum Point, across the mouth of Bath Creek, and from this bluff overlooking the Pamlico River he watched the many ships sailing into Bath. These very ships, loaded with goods, would become his downfall. In September 1718, he claimed to have discovered a richly laden French vessel drifting crewless at sea. Fearing his return to piracy, his neighbors grew restless and began to fear for their safety. Although he still called Bath home, his heart yearned for the sea, and by November that year, his passion for adventure cost him dearly. Requested by merchants fearing Blackbeard's wrath, naval Lieutenant Robert Maynard sailed to Ocracoke Inlet and slew the pirate in a bloody battle.

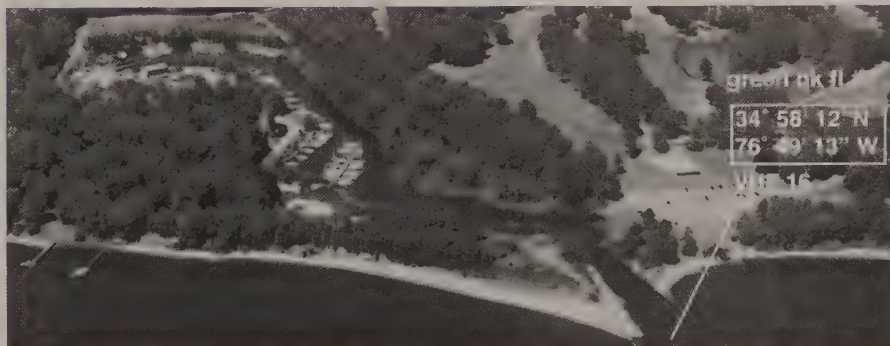
Bath Creek is about 17nm northwest of the ICW from SM 145.9 and Fl(2+1) R 6s 29ft 4M "PR" light. The creek's entrance is wide, with the channel narrowing in places, then it opens up as you approach the town. While in Bath, dockage can be obtained at Bath Harbor Marina and Bath State Dock. The best anchorage is in Bath Creek, which is protected by a high bluff that overlooks the half-mile wide harbor.

At the head of the Pamlico River is **Washington**, a perfect place for a day trip. Many cruisers choose to dock elsewhere, spend a day cruising out to Washington, and then head back to the ICW.

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water will make this as pleasant a cruise as you'll find in North Carolina. Navigating the cut to the Neuse River is also an easy passage and offers several fine anchorages.

At QG 19ft 4M "27" (SM 161) the ICW filters into Bay River, which runs south-southeast. At SM 167.2, stay east of Neuse River Junction Light Fl(2+1) R 6s 15ft 5M before heading south-southwest. Here you enter the Neuse River, a wide open waterway bordered by marshes typical of the North Carolina ICW. The Minnesott Beach Yacht Basin is on the north side of the river, offering slips and repairs.

Oriental, at SM 181, is a village of nostalgic enchantment, untarnished by the modern trappings of urban sprawl, noisy interstates, and cheap tourism. The approach to Oriental is straightforward. From Fl G 4s 16ft 4M "7" marking the north end of Garbacon Shoal, head northwest to Oriental's two entrances. (Refer to the **Oriental Harbor Highlight** for more information.)

West of Oriental, at the head of the Neuse River, **New Bern** is a wonderful town to explore by foot. Everything of historical merit is within eight blocks of the waterfront. In addition to the Tryon Palace, North Carolina's first Governor's Mansion, there's the Fireman's Museum, a Civil War museum, the Attmore-Oliver House, and many other fine 19th-century Victorian homes. You will not need to look far for places to dine in New Bern, for there are several award-winning restau-

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From Oriental to New Bern, the Neuse River offers some of the finest sailing in North Carolina. Once between Wilkinson Point and Cherry Point, you'll head for Fl G 15ft 4M "11" at the head of the channel leading toward New Bern. This light and the subsequent daymarkers are difficult to see with the naked eye because they blend in with the lush background. Put those binoculars to good use! Once in New Bern, you'll find Bridgepoint Marina, Northwest Creek Marina and the Sheraton Marina.

Beaufort to Southport

It should be said that a smattering of bascule bridges will be found along the stretches of ICW in southeastern North Carolina. Most open on demand, but the traffic going to the beaches often delays the openings. Keep alert to VHF 9 as well, in case bridges aren't opening. This way you'll know ahead of time whether an outside route between Beaufort and Southport may be quicker for those in a rush.

Pick up the ICW due south of Oriental in Adams Creek, which begins between R N "2" and Fl G 2.5s 15ft "3." At SM 200, the Newport River marks your approach to Beaufort and Morehead City. These two towns introduce a change in the attitude and pace of your cruise through North Carolina. While Beaufort embodies tradition and the time-honored values of classic seamanship, Morehead City represents contemporary coastal living with easy access to a wide variety of movie theaters, nightlife, and shopping malls.

You have two choices in your approach to **Beaufort**—through Gallants Channel or through the route south of Radio Island. (*Refer to the **Beaufort Harbor Highlight** for more information on that town.*)

Morehead City, SM 205, offers the benefits of a major commercial seaport, an active sportfishing fleet, and easy access to such familiar diversions as retail shopping and fine dining. Located on a narrow peninsula, its waterfront restaurants and shops are on the south side facing Bogue Sound. Head west in the channel just north of the State Port Terminal and high-rise bridge.

As you might expect, a number of seafood markets can be found along the waterfront in Morehead City, as well as fine restaurants and unique gift shops. Numerous dive shops operate out of Morehead. The branch post office, a book store, and a convenience store are within easy walking distance of the waterfront. A few of the restaurants have transient dockage.

Leaving Morehead City behind, continue through Bogue Sound. At about SM 229 you likely won't find many coastal communities more visually appealing than **Swansboro**. After the Revolutionary War, this colonial seaport was home to a thriving timber industry that depended on Bogue Inlet and the deep water of the White Oak River. Sawmills and shipbuilding were the major indus-

tries, fueled by large windmills that harnessed the prevailing onshore winds. These tripod-mounted fixtures had a wheel attached to the end of a long shaft that turned the millhouse to face the wind. As with so many cultures that have been ruined by the fickle fortunes of a shifting inlet, the windmills and their culture perished with the shoaling of Bogue Inlet. Now, Swansboro caters to the simple needs of fishermen and boatbuilders.

Piloting in this area can be tedious due to the current and constant shoaling. Keep a watchful eye astern to make sure the current does not carry you onto one of the spoils of the dredged channel. The ICW runs right along the shore to Swansboro. At QR "46C" head north and keep green R N "4" and R "2" to the east as you approach the town. A good anchorage can be found in the White Oak River, just off the waterfront and north of R N "4."

From Swansboro to the Cape Fear River, the only significant body of water is **New River** (SM 246), a wide stream running from the ICW to Jacksonville. Its generous depths and charming natural landscape will undoubtedly lull you into a false sense of seclusion and safety. Don't be fooled—most of the river's shoreline is part of Camp Lejeune Marine Base and is restricted.

CAUTION: At SM 235.4 the Camp Lejeune Firing Range Tower and a sign in the ICW mounted with amber lights



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marks the beginning of the Camp Lejeune Firing Range. The range extends south down the ICW for 4sm. If the amber lights are flashing do not proceed south.

There is a protected anchorage in **Mile Hammock Bay**, SM 244.5. The entrance to this anchorage is marked and has reportedly shoaled. This is a military base, so you can't tie up to the bulkheads or go ashore. Make sure your anchor is well-set because the holding is not ideal. Also, when we stayed on the Bay, there were dark clouds of mosquitos.

As you continue south, beginning at about SM 275, the ICW cuts through an area of shoaled inlets, trickling streams, and marshland known as **Middle Sound**. At the south end

of the "Sound," you'll find **Wrightsville Beach**, SM 283.1, which combines the best of waterway travel, superb restaurants, nightlife, marine facilities, and grocery stores, all within walking distance of your berth.

Wrightsville Beach (SM 283.2) has an annual population of about 4,000, and as you pass under the Wrightsville Beach Highway Bascule Bridge, looking to either side you get the feeling every resident has a slip. The Wrightsville Bridge has 20 feet of clearance when closed, and opens on the hour from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. everyday.

There is an anchorage off SM 283.3. Depart the ICW just south of the Wrightsville Bridge at G "25" and head east in Mott's Channel to R "14." The anchorage is to the north, south of the fixed bridge. Be sure that you give the charted shoal just north of R "14" a wide berth.

At SM 285.1, south of G C "129" a passage branches off to the east and leads to Masonboro Inlet. The buoys in this inlet are not charted because of the constantly changing shoals. From the sea, pick up Mo(A) WHISTLE R W "A," southeast of the inlet's jetties.

From **Snows Cut** (SM 295.2 to 296.9) near **Carolina Beach**, you may head south along the Cape Fear River or turn north to explore the exciting port of **Wilmington**, about 13.6sm up the Cape Fear River. With its historic sites and many fine restaurants along the waterfront, this old riverboat town has much to offer.

As you depart Snows Cut en route to Wilmington, you will see Fl 4s "163" to port. Continue on a northwest heading, leaving G "1" and G "3" to port and Fl R 6s 33ft "B" to starboard. Favor the west side of the channel as you near Fl G 4s 15ft "5," keeping red "4" to starboard. At "5," the channel turns north and widens somewhat. G "7" and G "9" should be left to port before the channel bends back west at Fl R 4s 15ft "10." Leave "12" to starboard, then turn a little north as you enter the main channel of the Cape Fear. From "163" it's 13.6sm to the Wilmington City Docks and other facilities.

Because dockage is limited in Wilmington, many boaters traveling down the waterway choose to lay over in Southport, SM 308.9, and visit Wilmington by car. **Southport** has the feel of an old New England fishing village, but with the temperate climate of the subtropics. (Refer to the **Cape Fear Region Harbor Highlight** for more information on Wilmington and Southport.)

Bald Head Island has over 2,000 acres of natural beauty, including 14 miles of wonderfully secluded beaches. Once the refuge of such pirates as Stede Bonnet, Blackbeard, and Mary Ann Blythe, Bald Head is a refreshing alternative to the glitzy resorts found along the waterway. In addition to the 2,000 acres of tastefully developed land, the marina, restaurant, golf course, and boutiques are framed by the creeks and marshes of a 10,000-acre natural habitat that makes a cruise past this island an eyeful. Bald Head Island is on the Waterway and easily accessible from Southport.



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As you continue south from Southport, your passage becomes more restricted as the Waterway winds behind the islands of North Carolina. Long Beach, Ocean Isle Beach, Holden Beach, Yaupon Beach, and Sunset Beach are wonderful family beaches, but offer only a few cruising amenities or marine facilities. The South Carolina state line is at SM 340.8.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

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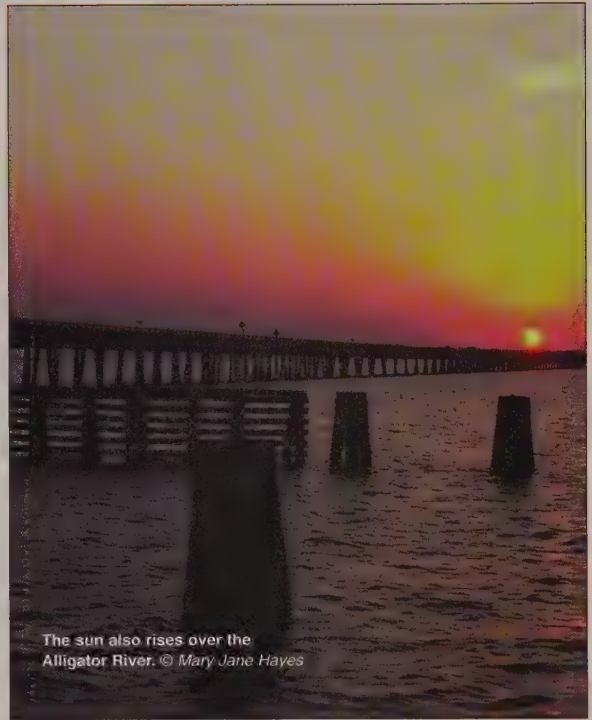
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Much like the rest of North Carolina's Outer Banks, the hustle and bustle of the mainland has yet to make its way across Pamlico Sound to Ocracoke. The result is a stretch of land protected from the urban stresses, content to remain a little fishing village.

The town exudes a certain Cape Cod ambience, peppered with pirate legends and a rich nautical heritage. In the 16th century, Spanish explorers like Sir Walter Raleigh combed the island, and in the early 1700s the North Carolina General Assembly stationed sailors on Ocracoke to guide ships through Ocracoke Inlet. The inlet played a big role in shipping supplies to soldiers during the Revolutionary and Civil wars.

Just as the wind attracts sailors, heavy shipping brought pirates to the area—none more menacing than Edward Teach, affectionately referred to in the history books as Blackbeard. It was here that the mighty pirate met his death off Teach's Hole, the channel that bears his name.

If ever there was an island to be explored by bicycle, Ocracoke is certainly it. Rent one from Anchorage Inn and Marina and just a few pedals away you'll find a host of varied shops and a great choice in eateries.

Instead of heading to a destination on Ocracoke, just wander and bump into things like the Ocracoke Lighthouse, built in 1823. Each island along the Outer Banks has a lighthouse, and this is the oldest operating lighthouse in North Carolina.

If captain's duties have kept you away from the rod and reel, head out to the beautiful white-sand beaches and try your luck at surf fishing. Many consider spring fishing along the Outer Banks to be the best anywhere. Even if you're not interested in the pelagics, you won't have any trouble

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Information in these listings is provided by the facilities themselves. An asterisk (*) indicates that the facility did not respond to our most recent requests for information. Refer to the tables at the end of this chapter for additional facilities.

finding a solitary space to spread out the blanket, take a swim, and soak up some rays.

Don't forget that Ocracoke Island is part of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, a strand of barrier islands north and south of Cape Hatteras. This means the area has a deluge of activities from trail-hiking and camping to windsurfing and fishing.

One special sight is the 20 or so wild ponies that call the area home. Give the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce (252-441-8144) a call or surf over to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore website through www.gorp.com.

Restaurants and Provisions

The village offers an assortment of dining opportunities from pizza to gourmet selections. Groceries and supplies can also be purchased close by.

There's no horsing around at Pony Island restaurant (252-928-5701)—after a hefty helping of seafood you'll whinny for more. Drop by either the Pelican (252-928-7431) or the Marlin Tavern at Anchorage Inn and Marina if you're in the mood for more seafood. For an ocean view and great pub food, try Howard's Pub & Raw Bar (252-928-4441). Other delectable culinary options are Cockle Creek Restaurant (252-928-6891), Island Inn Restaurant (252-928-7821), and Back Porch (252-928-6401).

Navigation and Anchorages

Ocracoke Inlet

Any advice we could give about entering any of Pamlico Sound's inlets is rendered moot after the next storm. Winds and surf change the channels, so markers are in constant motion.

What we can tell you is Ocracoke Inlet's channel is very well marked (though uncharted), so stick to the markers. From sea, head for the sea buoy Mo(A) WHISTLE RW "OC," about 2.7nm southeast of the inlet. If you have any trouble, Anchorage Inn and Marina monitors VHF 16 and they'll help you in.

From Pamlico Sound

From anywhere in Pamlico Sound, your entrance to Ocracoke Island is through the **Big Foot Slough** (pronounced *sloo*) **Channel**. As the dockmaster at Anchorage Inn and Marina told us, "there is no such thing as a shortcut along the Outer Banks," so don't even try to cut straight to Silver Lake Harbor. From the west be sure to stay north of Fl G 6s 40ft 6M "5RS" and Fl G 4s 15ft 4M "3" marking the north side of Royal Shoal.

Enter Big Foot Slough Channel between Fl G 2.5s 15ft 4M "13" and Fl R 4s 20ft 4M "14BE". The channel is extremely well marked and dredged to about 13 to 15 feet. Once you reach G "3" and R "4" head east and follow the markers into Silver Lake Harbor.

Silver Lake Harbor

Silver Lake is dredged to about 10 feet and is protected from the strong winds that can sometimes whip through the area. In this basin you'll find the Anchorage Inn and Marina. From here you're close to town.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

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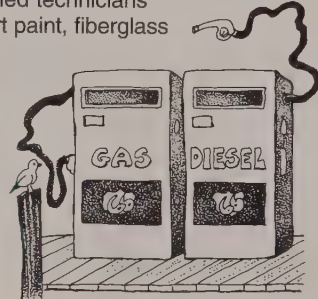
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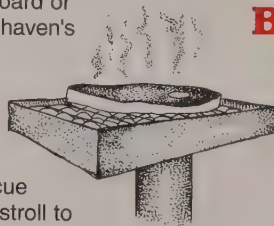


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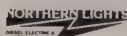
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Early in the century, Belhaveners made good use of their picturesque river and Pamlico Sound with lots of sailing. There was quite a *fete champetre* when the ICW opened in 1928. All manner of big-wigs appeared for the occasion, and the festivities included airplane rides, quite a big deal at that time.

Dancing was No. 2 on the list of popular activities, with orchestras arriving by boat to play for the residents and out-of-towners alike.

What to See and Do

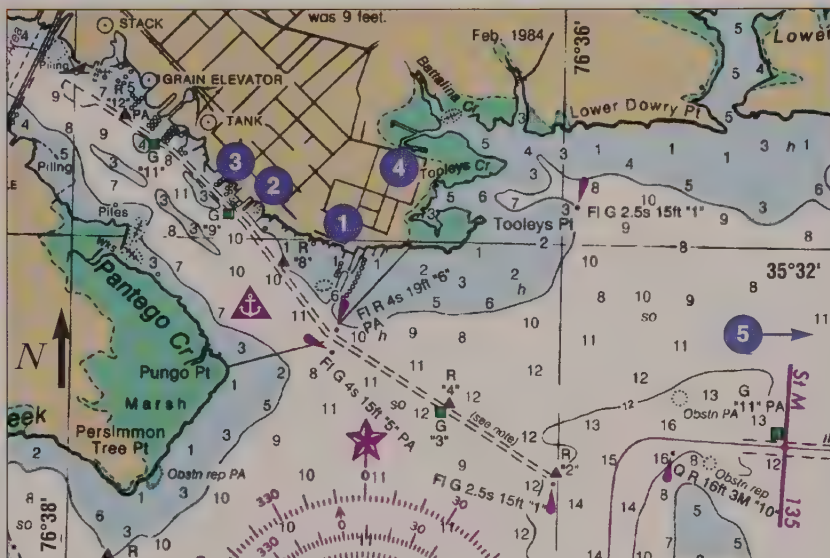
The folks here have always thrown a good party. Independence Day is perhaps the best excuse of all to let their hair down, as they've done for ages, so consider yourself fortunate if you're in port for the fireworks and parade.

But if the town is quiet, that's fine too. Take a walk through the Belhaven Memorial Museum (252-943-6197),

open from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. every afternoon except Wednesday. If you've got an eye for art, you'll love the galleries, including EEii's Galleries (252-943-3111), featuring artists from North Carolina and afar, and the Artisans Crab Pot (252-943-6780), stocking a selection of local crafts.

For do-it-yourself fun, Belhaven is the perfect place for strolling or bicycle riding. Take your time and admire the character of the town, namely the enchanting architecture.

Golfers can grab a cab to the Bayview Golf Club (252-923-8191) in Bath. The nine-hole course has, as the name suggests, a fine view of the water.



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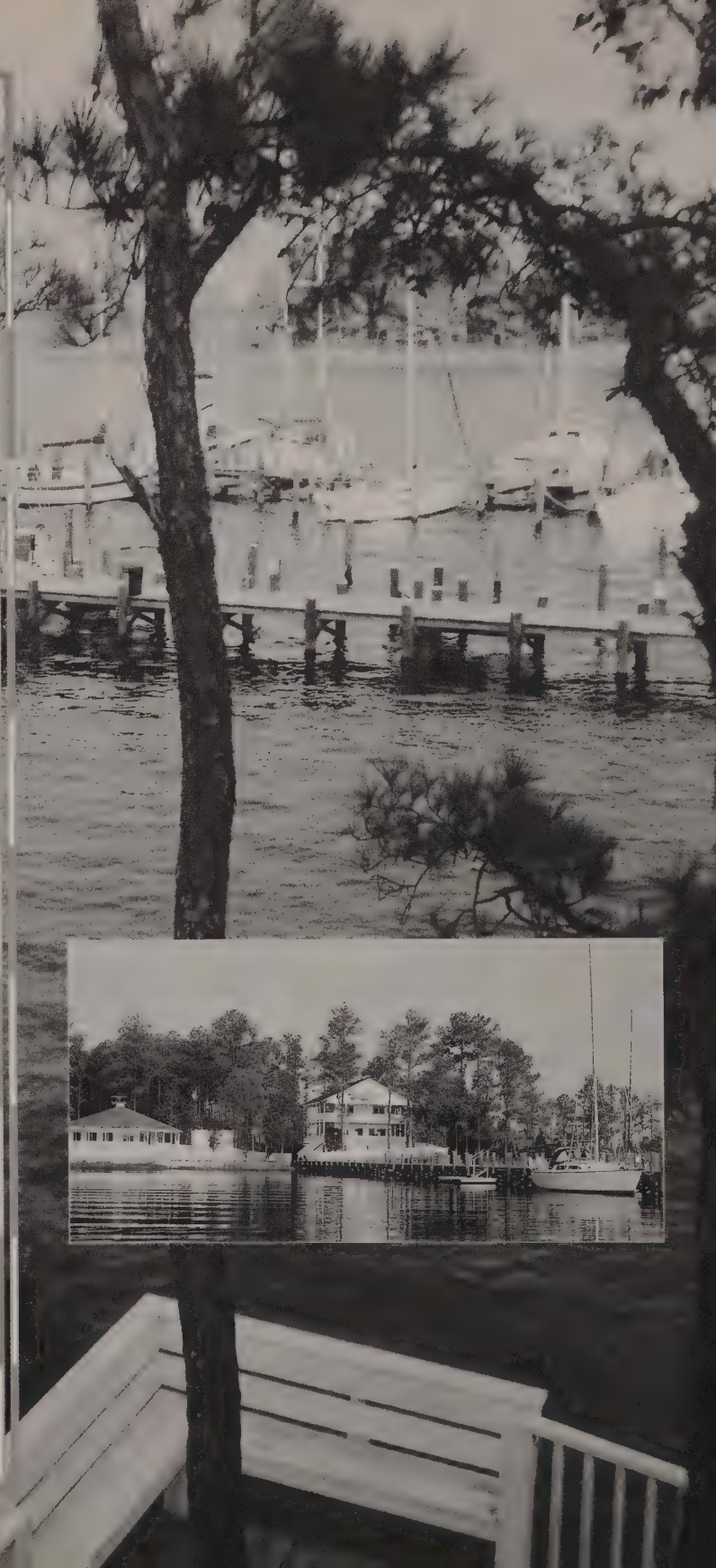
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Take your hungry crew to the Helmsman (252-943-3810), where you'll find fantastic seafood and homestyle cooking just right for families. A cab ride outside of Belhaven, try the oyster bar and weekend seafood buffet at Riverside Restaurant (252-943-3878).

For replenishing your bare larder, you can walk to town or take a courtesy car or golf cart from your marina. J.D. Dawson Company department store sells clothing, nautical supplies, and just about anything else you'll need.

You can get groceries, nautical supplies, fishing licenses, and odds and ends at C.F. Latham & Co. (252-943-2255). Parvin's Grocery Co. (252-943-2262) delivers to marinas, but they're closed on Sunday. Also in town are a laundromat and pharmacy. The Baker Crab Company is the place to go for fresh seafood to cook on your own.

Navigation and Anchorages Approaches

Belhaven sits on the northern shore of the Pantego River, at about SM 136 along the Pungo River. It's about 135.5sm south of Norfolk, Virginia, and about 30sm north of Beaufort. From the north, begin your approach to Belhaven's channel at QR 16ft 3M "10" (SM 135.4). From this light, Fl G 2.5s 15ft "1" light and the beginning to the entrance channel sits due west. From the south at Fl R 4s 14ft "8" (SM 137.4) the channel's entrance is to the north-northwest.

Pantego Creek and Belhaven

Follow the well-marked channel toward Pantego Creek and Belhaven. Fl R 4s 19ft "6" marks the end of the breakwater to the northeast. Inside the breakwater you'll find several full-service transient facilities, including Robb's Boatyard & Marina and River Forest Marina. On the other



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side of town is River Forest Shipyard. Stick to the marked channel as there are shallow spots in the creek.

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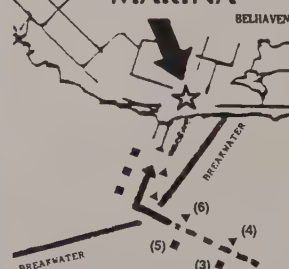
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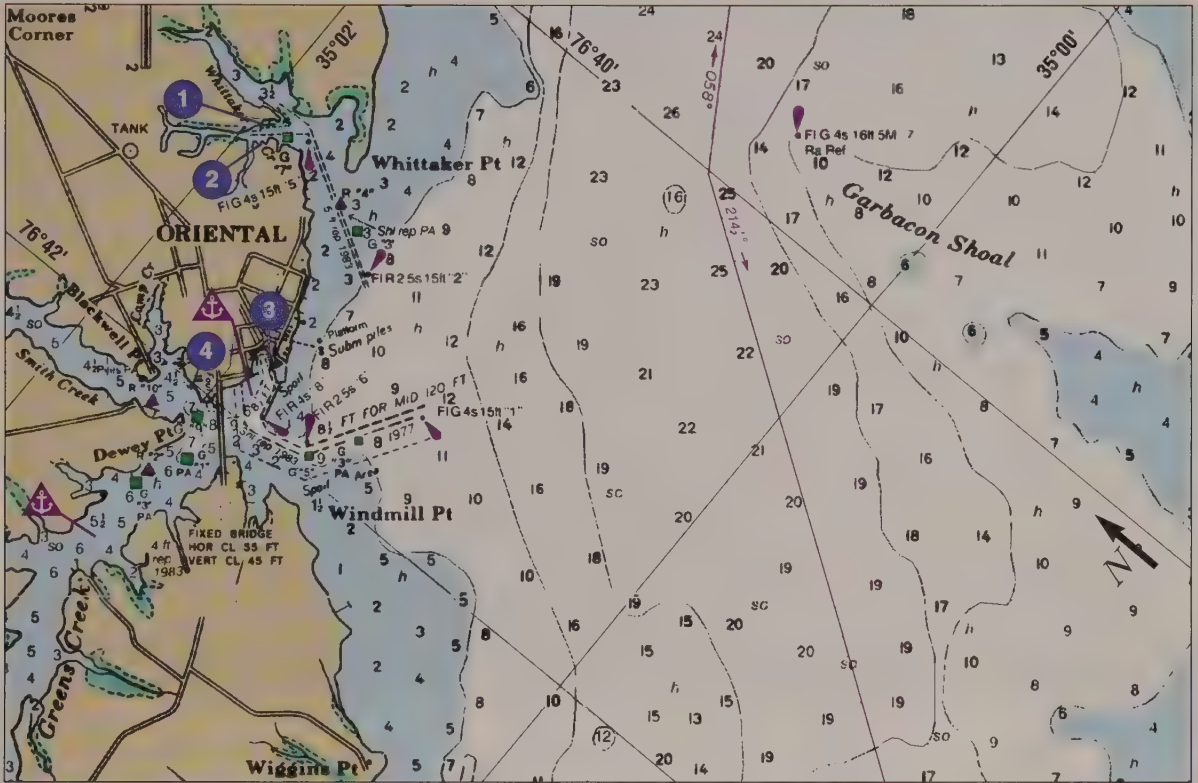
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Whoever came up with the motto "Bigger is Better" obviously never visited Oriental, North Carolina. Framed by the rivers and streams of lower Pamlico Sound, Oriental faces the Outer Banks with a soul linked to the traditions of coastal exploration. Even today, this humble fishing community embraces the cruising sailor with celebration and reverence.

This is a bike and walk-about town where people wave and smile and offer their company for a spell. The population is small—only about 1,000—and most would like to keep it that way. Cordial barroom banter can quickly escalate to calls to rid the area of those "damn Yankees" who keep buying Oriental waterfront. But even that is more good-natured than anything else (or so the "Yankees" would like to think).

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If Mother Nature decides to have a fit, wait out the foul weather by finding some shelter and conversing with the rest of the sailors and fishermen waiting to get back out on the water.

Restaurants and Provisions

Dining options are not as numerous as masts on the water, but that doesn't mean you don't have any. Right at Oriental Marina there's the Oriental Marina Restaurant (252-249-2204). In warm weather, groups of friends gab with strangers at the tiki bar by the pool. When the sun goes down, the conversations move inside to the lounge. Close by, enjoy some of the local catch at the Trawl Door (252-249-1232).

If you need to reprovision your galley, a small grocery store is within walking distance.

Navigation and Anchorages Approaches

Your approach to Oriental, on the north shore of the Neuse River, is straightforward no matter which direction you arrive from. The Neuse River is rather wide and deep—just don't get too close to shore. Heed the markers and keep an eye on the chart and you'll be fine.

From the east, pick up Fl G 4s 16ft 4M "7" at the north end of Garbacon Shoal and head west-northwest for about 2.4nm to either entrance to Oriental. From the west, the entrances to Oriental are about 5.2nm from Wilkinson Point. If you're traveling north on the ICW, head about 014nm from Fl G 4s 15ft 4M "1AC."

The channel to the western entrance (at the confluence of Greens and Smith creeks) is marked by Fl G 4s 15ft "1." The channel to the eastern entrance (Whittaker Creek) is marked by Fl R 2.5s 15ft "2."

Whittaker Creek

The northeastern route to Oriental is via Whittaker Creek. The channel carries a reported 5 feet at mlw and is marked

at its beginning by Fl R 2.5s 15ft "2." The first marina you'll see is Whittaker's Creek Yacht Harbor, a transient facility with a host of amenities.

Greens Creek and Smith Creek

Just southwest of the Whittaker Creek entrance is Fl G 4s



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15ft "1," marking the entrance to the confluence of Greens Creek and Smith Creek. Follow the well-marked channel past the breakwater and to the east you'll see **Raccoon Creek**, lined with shrimp boats, and the hospitable Oriental Marina. The charts report 8.5 feet, but we ran into shallower water. Hail the marina for up-to-date information on approaches. There is also a town dock at the head of the creek. There's a 48-hour limit for this dock.

Continue under the 45-foot-high fixed bridge for some dinghy exploring. Once past the bridge, Smith Creek continues to the north and Greens Creek snakes off to the south. Be careful of shoaling as you approach the bridge.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

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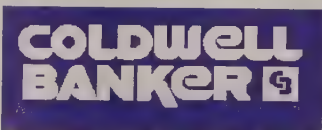
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resistance. The town grew accustomed to the northern visitors to the extent that many Beaufort women married Federal soldiers.

What To See and Do

Beaufort's waterfront is convenient for the visiting cruiser. Shops and restaurants run along Front Street, just a stone's throw from the town docks.

The streets that you'll stroll are the way they were originally laid out in 1713. Street names reflect Beaufort's past: Ann Street, for Queen Anne; Turner Street, for Robert Turner, who owned the land; and Orange Street, for William, Prince of Orange (who later became William III of England). While you're out and about visit the Beaufort Historical Association (252-728-5225) on Turner Street for the low-down on the must-see sights.

On Front Street, be sure to stop in at the North Carolina Maritime Museum (252-728-7317). See how the watermen made their living with exhibits containing full-sized boats and models of sailing skiffs and commercial fishing boats. Time spent here will enhance your appreciation of the beauty and the struggle it was to survive on the water.

On the southern side of Taylors Creek, across from the town docks, is the picturesque Carrot Island and the Rachel Carson Reserve. Named after the famed environmentalist and author of *Silent Spring* (a good read while on board), the area plays home to a host of animals. There's nothing like waking in the morning to the sight of wild horses feeding on the shores.

If you have access to a car, the 385-acre Fort Macon State Park (252-726-3775) is a worthwhile trip. The five-sided brick fort was built between 1826 and 1834 in anticipation of the Civil War. Tour the structure or head to the beach to simply sun, fish or collect shells while watching the passing boats traversing Beaufort Inlet.

Restaurants and Provisions

Again, because of the boater-friendly layout of Beaufort's waterfront, finding a good meal requires minimal walking.

The name Beaufort Grocery Company (252-728-3899) may fool you into thinking it's a market. It's actually a very posh restaurant with fancy meals in a relaxed setting. This is also a deli, with all of their breads baked fresh daily.

Others nearby are Royal James Cafe (252-728-4573), Dock House Restaurant (252-728-4506), Clawsons 1905 Restaurant (252-728-2133), and Front Street Grill (252-728-3118). Each takes full advantage of its seaside location. If you have access to a car, the Veranda Restaurant (252-728-5352) at Town Creek Marina offers American fare with a Southern flair.

For provisions, make tracks for the General Store and Laundry. Scuttlebutt Nautical Books can fill your other shopping needs.

Navigation and Anchorages

Beaufort Inlet

The Beaufort Inlet Channel begins at Fl(2) R 5s BELL R "2BI" and is well marked as it heads to the north. Just north of Fl G 4s G "9" and Fl R 4s R "10" shoals extend on both sides of the channel from the mainland.

Once at Fl(2) R 5s R "20," in the Morehead City Channel, head to the east of Radio Island toward Beaufort. Follow the markers closely to Taylors Creek.

From the north on the ICW

Once through the Adams Creek canal, you'll filter into Newport River. When you reach QR 16ft 4M "34" and Q G 16ft 4M "35," east of Newport Marshes, the **Gallants Channel** splits to the southeast from the ICW. This channel leads you to Town Creek and a transient facility. Hail Town Creek Marina to check on the shoaling that may have occurred in Gallants Channel.

Continuing south from Town Creek, you'll come across the Beaufort Drawbridge (vertical clearance: 14 feet), which opens on the hour and at 20 minute intervals.

Many vessels find it more convenient to proceed down the Newport River toward the Morehead City Turning Basin and traveling south, around Radio Island to get to Beaufort. From Q R 16ft 4M "34" head southwest. You'll enter the basin after passing under the Morehead City Highrise Bridge, at SM 203.9, and the Beaufort and Morehead Railroad Bridge just south of the Highrise. The Railroad Bridge remains open except during use. At the bridges, you will notice dry storage silos and a long building to the west.

CAUTION: Watch the buoys carefully throughout this area; some differ from the chart.

Enter the Morehead City Channel, where you'll find the Morehead City Yacht Basin, at the south end of the Turning Basin, between Fl G 2.5s G "23" and Fl R 4s R "24," and proceed to Fl(2) R 5s R "20." At this point, swing north and take the channel leading to Taylor Creek and Beaufort. It is straightforward and well marked.



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Taylor Creek

The Beaufort Docks are found along the north shore of Taylor Creek. The Town Docks have numerous transient spaces and are close to Front Street and all of its shops and restaurants. If you want to drop anchor, Taylors Creek along Carrot Island is not a bad option, though the holding ground isn't the best in the world. Also, the winds tend to funnel down the creek. As such, the number of boats can make things somewhat hectic, so anchor well out of the channel. In this crowded anchorage, most deploy two anchors Bahamian-style. People who don't use this method tend to swing out of synch.

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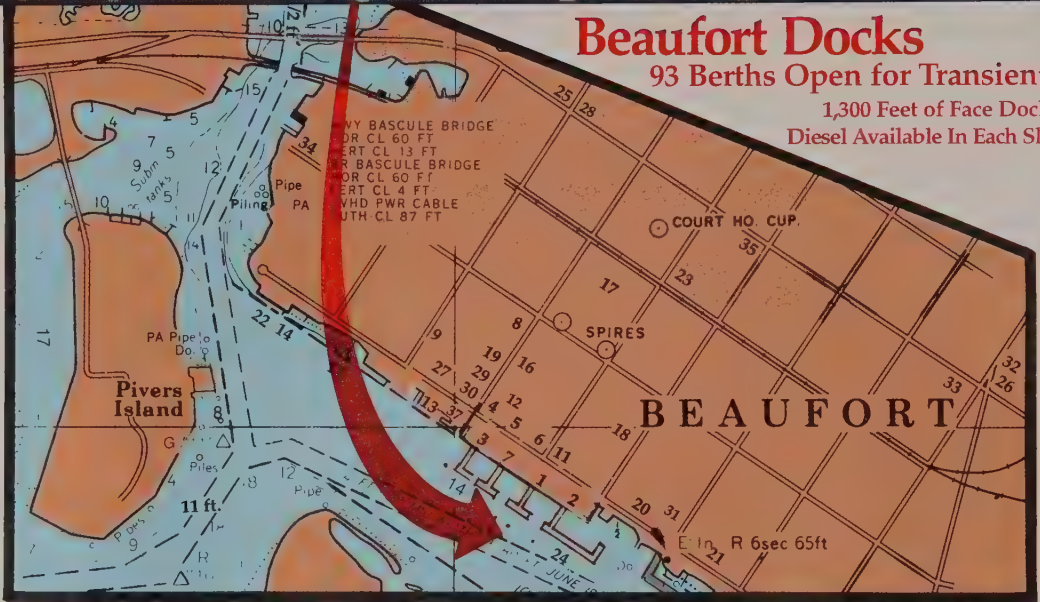
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| Restaurant | 12. Bank | 19. Sailmaker | 29. Western Union |
| 3. Cluster of Specialty | 13. N.C. Museum | 20. Inlet Inn Hotel | 30. Royal James Cafe/Billiards |
| Shops | Watercraft Center | 21. Post Office | 31. Bank |
| 4. Beaufort Marine Discount | 14. Spouter Inn Restaurant | 22. Machine Shop | 32. Liquor Store |
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| 6. Clawson's Restaurant | 16. Restored 18th Century | 24. Diesel Fuel Delivered at | 34. Beaufort Inn |
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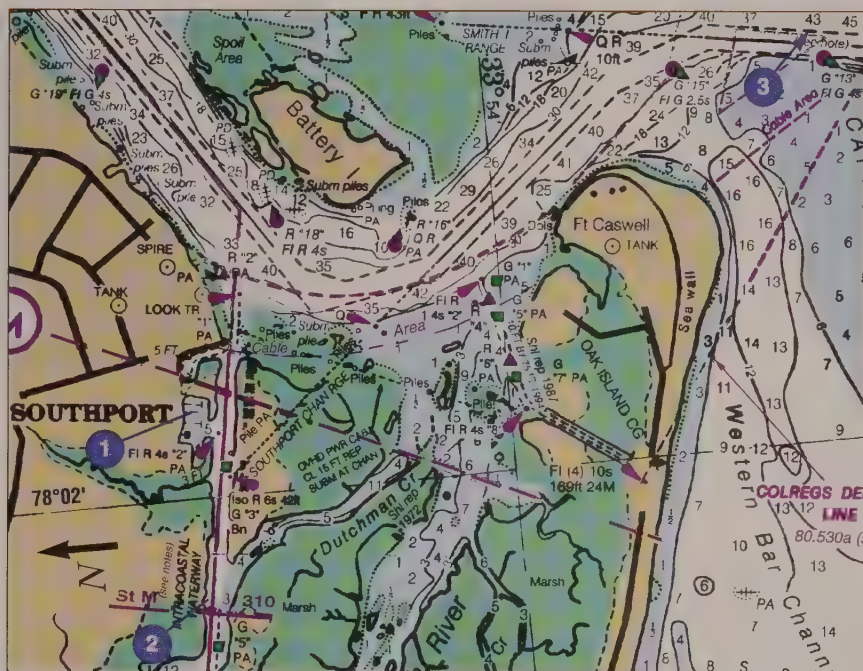
Don't try to tell the local flora and fauna that they're living in a perilous place. This area is home to several insect-eating plant species, and the threatened loggerhead turtles put their trust in the uncrowded barrier beaches as a hatching haven for their precious eggs.

On the Cape Fear River, the graceful town of Southport blends New England village atmosphere with the climate of the tropics. Swaying palms grow beside stately oaks in front of fine plantation-style homes and charming cottages.

For all its slow southern charm, Southport is a spirited port of departure, since it is the last harbor north of Charleston, South Carolina, that can be reached by a secure, deep-water channel. If you've cruised to this part of North Carolina in search of a refreshing stopover, have no Fear: you're in the right place.

What to See and Do

There are plenty of ways, enriching or just plain relaxing, to spend your time in Southport. Gain a working knowledge of the maritime past of the area with a tour of the Southport Maritime Museum (910-457-0003). Exhibits on piracy, steamboats, aids to navigation, and storms bring it all to life for you.



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Check out the numerous antique shops, meander along Riverwalk, a path that follows the banks in the marina area, or just hang out at Waterfront Park, at the end of Bay Street. If you're looking for more ideas, stop in at the Southport 2000 Visitor's Center (910-457-7927), next to the library, or the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce (910-457-6964).

Take a ride on the Southport-Fort Fisher Ferry to visit this historically significant site—it was a land-sea battle here that marked the beginning of the end for the Confederacy. On the other end of the half-hour crossing you'll find the Fort Fisher Historic Site (919-458-8206) and Civil War Museum, as well as the North Carolina Aquarium, featuring a shark tank, plants, and touch pool.

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On Oak Island, have some active fun at the Oak Island Sports Center (910-457-5105), featuring a driving range and miniature golf, or burn your energy on the island's parks, bike paths, and beaches.

On the crashing seacoast, Carolina Beach and Kure Beach have plenty of activities and vacation appeal, without the flashy, crowded boardwalk scene of other Atlantic resorts. Carolina Beach State Park was established as an environmental preserve to protect the barrier island area. Activities there range from camping, fishing, picnicking, and hiking; it's a great spot for birdwatching, too.

If you're cruising up the Cape Fear River to Wilmington, you'll see many large, international ships heading to and from this major seaport area. Catch some perspective on the past by taking in the city's extensive historic district and paying a visit to the battleship *North Carolina*.

Restaurants and Provisions

At Southport Marina, Hurricane's (hot dogs, specialty sandwiches) and Harborside Restaurant (steak, oysters, fresh bread) fit the bill and fill the belly. Next door at Laredo's Neon Cactus (910-457-4543), "Holy guacamole!" is what you'll exclaim when you try the southwestern grub.

Ship's Chandler (910-457-6595), beside Waterfront Park, serves up lunch and dinner in the form of seafood, aged beef and the like, with a fine view of the ICW. The place for family dining is Sandfiddler (910-457-6588), known for their Sunday all-you-can-eat lunch. Both eateries offer take-out.

Dock and dine at the Provisioning Company (910-457-0654), or order some seafood, veal or pasta from Port Charlie's (910-457-4395), on the water. River Run Shopping Center has chain eateries and a grocery store.

On Bald Head Island, chow down at the River Pilot Cafe or Eb & Flo's (both 910-457-7390), or Peli's Poolside (910-457-7384). For a more elegant sit-down, Bald Head Island Club (910-457-7300) is the answer.

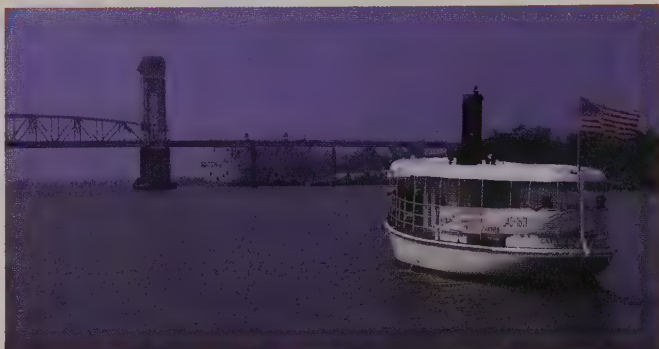
Navigation and Anchorages

Carolina Beach and Snows Cut

Traveling south on the ICW you'll reach Snows Cut at about SM 295.2. South of the cut's entrance is the town of Carolina Beach. A channel runs south from R "2" with several transient facilities.

Cape Fear River and Wilmington

As you depart Snows Cut's western mouth en route to Wilmington, you'll see Fl 4s "163" to your south. Continue on a northwest heading, leaving G "1" and G "3" to the south and Fl R 6sec 33ft "B" to the north. Favor the west side of the channel as you near Fl G 4s 15ft "5." At this mark the channel turns north and widens. From "163" it's 13.6sm to the Wilmington City Docks.



Ferry on Cape Fear River, near Wilmington. © Embassy

The water continuously shoals in this connecting channel. Either obtain local knowledge or opt for heading south at the fork to the Upper Midnight Channel Range. Follow the well-marked channel to Fl 4s "177" at SM 298.7. From here, make a hairpin turn north up the Cape Fear River.

Southport

From Fl 4s "177" continue south in the well-marked ICW channel. You'll reach Southport at SM 301. Fl R 4s "2" marks a basin on the north shore.

Just west of the city docks is the landing for the ferry to Bald Head Island and some spaces for transients. To the west of town, you can anchor in Dutchman Creek, but shoaling has reduced the depths. Obtain local knowledge before entering here.

Cape Fear's inlet

To approach Cape Fear's inlet from the Atlantic Ocean pick up sea buoy Mo(A) WHISTLE RW "CF" about 5.3nm southwest of Bald Head at the entrance to the inlet. Follow the series of well-marked ranges, especially near the inlet's mouth—Jay Bird Shoals mirrors the channel to the northeast.

When at Fl R 4s R "18," northwest of Battery Island, Southport sits due north. Pick up the ICW at Fl G 2.5s 15ft "1."

From the west on the ICW

From the west, the approach to Southport is straightforward. At SM 308.2 you'll reach a 65-foot-high fixed bridge. Southport and its transient facilities are 2.5sm to the east.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

Coast Guard: All stations monitor VHF 16

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

Radio Telephone:



MARITEL VHF: 26

Marine Communications System 888-MARITEL (888-627-4835)

Tow Service:

SEA TOW—Wrightsville Beach (910-452-3798)

TowBOAT/U.S.—24-Hour Dispatch (800-391-4869)

Dismal Swamp and ICW to Albermale Sound																						
1	Coinjock Marina	252-453-3271	16	68			Y	9	9	FC	★▲50				GD	Cit	GI	All		PS	All	
1	Harrisons Marina	252-453-2631	16	68	12		Y	30	10	9	F	★▲50			GD	Tex	GIB	RS		PS	All	
1	Midway Marina & Motel	919-453-3625 p. 341	16	68	36		Y	200+	12	10	FC	★▲100	RD		PRG DWF	GD	Mob	MGIBL	All	HP	P	MVA
1	Tate's Marine Railway	252-453-3281			10		S	80	12	12	F	★▲50		R	PSRG DWF							MV
2	Elizabeth City Shipyard*	252-335-0171			6		Y	100	13	10		★▲50			PGDWF		M					
2	Lamb's Marina*	252-338-1957																				
2	Mariner's Wharf City Dock	252-338-3981			14		Y	50	18	18												
2	The Pelican Marina	252-335-5108	16	68	6		Y	50	7	6	FC	★▲50	R			GD		IB	RSP		PR	All
3	Albemarle Plantation	BOAT/U.S. 252-426-4037	16		8		Y	60	6	6.5	All	★▲50				GD	BP	I	RLP	PTG	PR	MV
4	Columbia Marina	252-796-8561			2		Y	40	10	10	F	★30							All		P	
4	Columbia Town Harbour	252-796-2781			3		Y	50	14	14									P			
4	International Yachting Center	BOAT/U.S. 252-796-0435	16	68	10		Y	50	5.5	6	F	★▲50	All	C		GD	BP	I	All	H	PR	MV
4	International Yachting Center/Sawyers	252-796-0435	16	68	10		Y	50	5.5	8	F	★▲50	RD	C18	PRG DFE	GD	BP	MI	All	H	PR	MV
5	Mackey's Landing Marina	252-793-5031			10	10	Y	65	6.5	14	F	20		R20		GD	Mob	IB	All		P	MV
6	Edenton Marina	252-482-7421	16	68	8		Y	55	6	6	F	★50	RL	LT	PSRG DFE	GD	Exx	MI	All		P	MV
6	Town of Edenton/Colonial Park Dock	252-482-8595			10	10	Y	50	15	8		★▲50	D					GI	RP	All	All	
Outer Banks (see also Ocracoke Harbor Highlight)																						
7	Manteo Waterfront Marina*	252-473-3320			10		Y	3					R					M	R			
7	Pirate's Cove Yacht Club & Marina	800-367-4728 p. 342	16	78	100		Y	95	7	7	FPC	★▲50	R			GD	Tex	GIB	All	PT	All	MVA
7	Salty Dawg Marina	252-473-3405	16	67	15		Y	150	7	7	FC	★▲50		L3	PGD WFE	GD	Tex	MGIB	All	T	PS	MVD
8	Oregon Inlet Fishing Center	252-441-6301	69	69	5		S	60	5	5	F	★▲50				GD		MGIB	R		PS	MVD
9	Big Trout Marina	252-925-6651	16	18			Y	35	12	12	F	★▲	R						R			
10	Hatteras Harbor Marina*	252-986-2166																				
10	Oden's Dock	252-986-2555	16	1	10		Y	75	8	7	F	★▲			GD	GD	Tex	All	RSP	HP	All	MVD
10	Scotch Bonnet Marina	252-995-4242	65		20		Y	38+	5	5	F	★30	R	L4	All	G	Tex	GIB	RSP		PR	All
10	Scott Boatyard & Marine*	252-955-4331			3																	
10	Teach's Lair Marina	252-986-2480	16	1	96		Y	65	6	6	F	★▲50	R			GD		GIB	RS		P	MV
10	Village Marina*	252-986-2522																				
10	Willis Boat Landing*	252-986-2208																				
11	Morris Marina Kabin Kamps	252-225-4261	66	66	10		Y	35			F		R			GD		IB	R		PS	MV
Alligator River to Pamlico River (see also Belhaven Harbor Highlight)																						
12	Alligator River Marina*	252-796-0333	16		10		Y	120	8	8	FC	★▲100				GD			RS			MV
13	Downy Creek Marina	252-943-2728 p. 348	16		36		Y	80	8	8		★▲50				GD		MIG ILC	All	P	P	

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DOCKAGE

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MasterCard / VISA / Discover / AmEx
Public Phone / Restaurant / Snack Bar
Hotel / Pool / Tennis / Golf
Laundry / Pumpout
LPG / CNG
Brand

14	BATH HARBOR MARINA	252-923-5711 p. 338	16	16	2		Y	50	6	8	F	★30						I	RS		PR	MV
14	Bath State Dock	252-923-3971			10		Y	40	7	4+												
15	Carolina Wind Yaching Center*	252-946-4653																				
15	Cypress Landing Marina	252-975-3955	16	9	10		Y	42	6	6	F	★50			GD				MGI	RSP		P MV
15	McCotters Marina	252-975-2174					Y	60	6	6	All	★▲50	All	L	20	All	GD	MI	RSP		P MV	
15	Twin Lakes Campground & Yacht Basin*	252-946-5700																				
15	Whichard's Marine	252-946-4275	16	7	4		Y	45	5	5	F	★50	RD	T215	PGWF	GD	66	MGIB	RSL		P MV	
15	Rose Bay Marina	252-926-1041	16	5	16		Y	40	4.5	5.5	F	★▲50	R			G	Mob	GIB	R		P MVD	
15	Van Horn's Bayside Marina	252-926-6621	10	10	6		Y	40	4	6		★▲50	R			G		IB	RS		PS	
Goose Creek to Neuse River (see also Oriental Harbor Highlight)																						
17	Hurricane Boat Works*	252-745-5483	16		3		Y	65	8	8		★30		L50	All			M	RS			MV
18	Matthews Point Marina	252-444-1805	16	68	2		Y	45	6	6	F	Hs	RD			GD	Exx	I	RSP		P	MV
19	MINNESOTA BEACH YACHT BASIN	252-249-1424 p. 339	16	68	10		Y	60	8.5	10	F	★s50		L60	All	GD		MI	All	P	PS	MV
20	Northwest Creek Marina	252-638-4133 p. 337	16	68	10		Y	70	8	12	FP	★▲50	D			GD	BP	GI	All	All	All	MVD
21	BRIDGEPOINTE MARINA BOAT/U.S.	252-637-7372 p. 340	16	68	20		Y	200	10	10	All	★▲200							All	HP	R	MV
21	Sheraton Grand New Bern	252-638-3585 p. 343	16	68	25		Y	120	12	10	All	50	R			GD			All	HP	PR	All
Adams Creek to Beaufort Inlet (see also Beaufort Harbor Highlight)																						
22	Bock Marine*	252-728-6855	16		6		Y	100	8	8		★▲50		LC70	All			M	RSL			
22	Seagate Marina	910-728-4126	16	9	20		Y	60	6	6	F	★▲50	R			GD		MGIBL	RSL	PT	P	MV
23	Barbour's Harbour Marina*	252-728-6181	16		34							★30	R			G		M	RP		R	
23	Calico Jack's Marina*	252-728-3575	16		50								R			GD		MI	R			
23	Fisherman's Inn Marina*	252-728-5780			30								R			GD		M	R		R	
23	Harkers Island Fishing Center*	252-728-3907	16		30		Y	40	4	6		★30	R	L	PGD	GD	Tex	M	RS			
Morehead City																						
24	Causeway Marina*	252-726-6977	16		13										PGDWF	GD		MI	R		R	
24	Coral Bay Marine Yacht Sales & Service	252-247-6900	16	9	3		Y	50	5	5	F	★30		PRGDF	GD	Amo	IB	RS				M
24	Russell Yachts*	252-240-2826			3		Y	45	12	12		★▲50		PGDWF				MG	R			
24	Spooner's Creek Yacht Harbor*	252-726-2060												L	PGDWF	GD		M	R			
24	Taylor Boat Works	252-726-6374					Y	58			F	▲		R	PGD WFE				RS			M
24	The Harbor Master, Inc.	252-726-2541			2		Y	40	4	4	F	★	T		PGD WFE			M	RS			
24	The Sailing Place*	252-726-5664																				
24	Triple S Marina Village	252-247-4833												R		G			R			

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Map of North Carolina		110V • 220V • 3 phase		Repairs: Propeller / Sail / Rigging / Electronics		Restrooms / Showers / Ice / Bait / LPG / CNG		MasterCard / VISA / Discover / AmEx													
Marine Facilities and Services		Hookups: Fresh Water / Phone / Cable TV		Diesel / Wood / Fiberglass / Launch Service		Marine / Groceries / Fuel Brand		Hotel / Restaurant / Snack Bar													
All Coast Guard Stations Monitor VHF Channel 16		Approach Depth in Feet at MLW		Ramp / Dinghy Dock / Maximum Amps		Public Phone / Laundry / Pumpout		Golf													
Number of Transient Berths		Seasonal / Year-round		Rail / Lift / Crane / Trailer / Maximum Amps		Gas / Diesel Fuel		Fuel Brand													
Number of Working VHF Channel		Maximum LOA		Ramp / Dinghy Dock / Maximum Amps		Public Phone / Laundry / Pumpout		Golf													
Monitors VHF Channel		Maximum LOA		Ramp / Dinghy Dock / Maximum Amps		Public Phone / Laundry / Pumpout		Golf													
Bogue Inlet to New River																					
25	Casper Marine Service	910-326-4462	16	68	10	Y	200	15	15	F	★▲50				GD		MGIB	RSP	PS	All	
25	Dudley's Marina*	252-393-2204	16	68	10	Y	125	7	7		★▲50		R	PGDWF	GD	BP	MGI	RS			
25	Flying Bridge	252-393-2416				Y	50			F	★★						I	RS	PR	MV	
26	New River Marina	910-327-9691	16	68	5	2	Y	150	14	10	F	★30	R		RGE	GD	Cit	MGIB	RS	P	MV
26	Old Ferry	910-327-2258			2	Y	60	5	5+	F	★▲50		L	6			I	RSP	PR		
26	Swan Point Marina	910-327-1081	16	68	10	Y	80	8	6	FP	★▲50	R	LC40	PGD WFE	GD		MGIB	RSL	P	MV	
27	Gottschalk Marina	910-451-8307	Military personnel only									G									
28	Tideline Marine	910-455-2979	16	68	2	Y	33	3	7	F	★30	R	T6	G	G	Exx	MIB	P		All	
Topsail Beach to Carolina Beach																					
29	Harbour Village Marina	910-270-4017	16	78	30	Y	130	8	8	F	★50				GD	BP	M	All		P	All
30	Scott's Hill Marina	910-686-0896	68		2	Y	30		2			R	T		All		MGIB	R		MV	
31	Boat House Marina	910-350-0023				Y	33	5	6				L15	PGFE	G	Exx	MIB	RS		P	MV
31	Bradley Creek Boataminiun*	910-350-0029																			
31	Bridgetender Marina	252-256-6550	16	9		Y		7	7	F	★▲50				GD	BP	MIB	R	All	All	
31	Dockside Restaurant & Marina	910-256-3579	16		6	Y	200	10	10	F	★50				GD			R	All	MVD	
31	Masonboro Boat Yard	252-791-1893	16	9	8	Y	80	8	8	All	★▲50		L		All		MI	All	PR	MVD	
31	Sea Path Transient Dock*	910-256-3747																			
31	Wrightsville Marina	910-256-6666	16	9	10	Y	150	16	16	All	★▲50				GD	Tex	I	All	P	PR	MVA
32	Carolina Beach State Park Marina*	910-458-7770	16		10	Y	45	8	6		★30	R			GD	BP	MGI	All			
32	Carolina Inlet Marina	SEA/TOW 910-392-0580	16			Y	50	5	5				L25	All	GD		MI	R	PS	All	
32	Oceana Marina*	910-458-5053			4	Y	70	8	7		★▲50							All			
32	Waterfront Villas & Yacht Club*	910-458-7400																			
Cape Fear River to South Carolina (see also Cape Fear Harbor Highlight)																					
33	Wilmington Hilton Inn	910-763-5900			3	Y	100				★▲50							RS	H	PR	All
33	Wilmington Marine Center	BOAT/U.S. 910-395-5055	16	9	5	Y	120	6	6	F	★▲50		RL400	All	GD		I	RS	P	MVD	
34	Blue Water Point Marina Resort	910-278-1230	16	9	5	Y	60	6	6	F	★★	R			GD	Cit	MIB	RS	HP	PR	MV
34	Holden Beach Marina	910-842-5447	16	10	3	Y	40	8	8	F	★30	L	L7	G	GD		MIB	RS	P	MV	
35	Hughes Marina*	910-754-6233			10							L		PGDWF	GD		M	R			
36	Marsh Harbour Marina*	BOAT/U.S. 910-579-3500													GD		M	RP			
36	Pelican Point Marina	910-579-6440	16	9		Y	100	10	10	F	★50	RL	L	4	G	66	MIB	R	H	PS	MVD
36	The Plaza at Ocean Island Beach	910-579-6019	69		2	Y	35	8	4						GD	BP	GIBLC	R		PS	MVD

Information in these listings is provided by the facilities themselves. An asterisk (*) indicates that the facility did not respond to our most recent requests for information.

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Savannah



ATLANTIC OCEAN

Scale 1:1,340,000 1 inch=22 miles



Statute Miles

— Intracoastal Waterway



Cruising through South Carolina is as enjoyable as one of its amusement parks, which dot the resort towns along the Atlantic Ocean. © Embassy

Towns in other states erect museums to remember a bygone era. In South Carolina, the towns themselves are the museums. There is an elegance of the past—a way of living that has matured with progress, yet retained the values of a simpler time—that draws you to places like Charleston, Georgetown and Beaufort. In short, it's the Southern way.

You approach this state along a coastline that expands slowly from the restricted boundaries of the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) to the sweeping delta of lush sea islands. The shores of South Carolina blossom as you cruise south, and the narrow river that held you at dawn swells beyond its banks by dusk, rushing to fill deep green tidal marshes of the coastal plain. This endless tidal flow nourishes the environment, feeding fish and fowl.

As you're traveling these waters, you'll come upon an old rice plantation or the grand home of a cotton grower in a bend of the river, and you're reminded that South Carolina is steeped in tradition and history. Enjoy the uniqueness.

Summer is the busiest boating season in the Palmetto State, but the heat and humidity can make the evenings uncomfortable. Autumn is ideal for cruising, and though temperatures may dip into the 30s in January and February, there is little chance of severe frost.

Navigation through South Carolina is straightforward and begins at the state line at ICW SM 340.8, almost direct-

ly across from the Little River Inlet. There are few bodies of open water, and most of the inland rivers are deep and well marked. You'll find numerous sidewaters for exploration, many with ample depths right up to shore. Keep in mind that the tidal range south of Charleston usually runs about 8 feet, so what appears to be deep water at noon may leave you listing by dusk. This large variation in tidal depths can also produce swift currents.

South Carolina has four "preferred" inlets from the Atlantic: the **Winyah Bay Entrance** (SM 410), the **Charleston Harbor Entrance** (SM 465), the **Port Royal Sound Entrance** (SM 545) near Beaufort, and **Tybee Roads**, which connects with the Savannah River at SM 575.5. Tybee Roads also provides access to Calibogue Sound, which connects with Hilton Head.

Little River Inlet to Georgetown

Once you leave Southport, North Carolina, there are three attractive alternatives as you continue south down the South Carolina coast. If the wind is out of the north and the sea is calm, use the 80-mile passage from the Cape Fear River Entrance near Southport to the Winyah Bay Entrance, which connects with Georgetown. This passage presents an excellent opportunity to shake out the sails or power up the ponies as you run offshore across the sloping shelf of Long Bay. From Mo(A) WHISTLE RW "CF" southwest of Cape



It's up, up and away for these Grand Strand vacationers. © Embassy

Fear's Inlet, head about 242nm to reach Fl R 6s BELL R "2WB" and the Winyah Bay Entrance.

Your second option is to head to Mo(A) WHISTLE RW "LR" and the Little River Inlet. It's about a 25nm run. Once inside the breakwater, follow the well-marked channel south for about 2.8sm until you reach the junction of Little River and the ICW at Fl G 4s "119" (SM 342). Or you can forsake all open-water sailing and stick to the Intracoastal Waterway from Southport.

The latter two routes will allow you to enjoy the splendor of South Carolina's "Grand Strand." Nestled among this ribbon of golden isles, plush hotels and world-class golf resorts are some of the Waterway's finest amenities. And despite the abundance of shoal inlets along this state's crescent shoreline, Little River Inlet is the only safe access to the ICW north of Winyah Bay. Then again, you may just want to

take it easy and enjoy the beautiful beach communities along the ICW route.

North Myrtle Beach (SM 348.2) is home to beach music, shag dancing, great restaurants, shoreside amusement parks, and all the golf and tennis you can stand. You'll find several marinas here, located right on the ICW. The soul of Myrtle Beach includes the communities of Cherry Grove, Ocean Drive, Windy Hill, and Garden City. These communities have restaurants, night clubs and stores, but the real passion is golf. (Refer to *The Grand Strand Harbor Highlight* for more details on this tourist magnet.)

CAUTION: The area between G "15A" (SM 350.1) and G "21A" (SM 353.1) is called the Rock Pile. This region is narrow and there is not enough room to safely pass a barge. Most tug captains call on VHF 16 or VHF 13 prior to entering the Rock Pile to determine if there is oncoming traffic. Cruisers should do the same.

The ICW around Myrtle Beach offers little in the way of suitable anchorages, but there are marinas in the area. Bucksport (SM 377.3), a small fishing village, is a pleasant midday destination. Named after Captain Henry Buck, a lumber entrepreneur, Bucksport represents a prelude to South Carolina's low country cruising. From Myrtle Beach, it's a short run down the ICW to Bucksport, located just south of Fl R 4s "36."

South of Bucksport, the ICW continues down the Waccamaw River. At SM 380.7, opposite Fl R 4s 12ft 3M "44," is **Prince Creek**, which branches off to the east. It's a delightful tributary that encircles Longwood Island and rejoins the Waccamaw at Mulberry Landing. There is a minimum depth of 14 feet around the island, and because Prince Creek is a popular anchorage, you may find yourself joined by others as night falls.

Bull Creek, which branches off to the west at SM 381.5, is another anchorage that offers solitude and good holding if you don't mind anchoring in 25 feet or so of water. Note the charted shoaling in the northern mouth of Bull Creek around Fl R 4s 12ft 3M "48." In Bull Creek and Prince Creek you are advised to stay clear of the main channel and maintain an anchor light, since fishermen may be running the creeks at night.

Farther south, the Waccamaw River meanders into the tidal creeks and marshlands of coastal Carolina as the rich wilderness of the Palmetto State blossoms along the banks of Sandy Island. Sandy Island is similar in many ways to Daufuskie Island farther south. Both reflect the pure and natural state of South Carolina's coastal tributaries, and Sandy Island has retained much native splendor.

Facilities are scarce in this area, but just east of Sandy Island on the ICW you'll find Wacca Wache Marina (SM 383.4), a fresh-water facility in a protected cove that offers a fuel dock and an extensive ships store. There is also a good

anchorage in Cow House Creek (SM 384.5), opposite Wache's basin. Another anchorage is in Thoroughfare Creek (SM 388.8), west of Fl G 4s 12ft 4M "73."

Georgetown's (SM 402.9) past is intimately linked to the Waccamaw, Great Pee Dee, and Sampit rivers. In 1732, King George of England declared Georgetown a Colonial Port of Entry and today it remains one of the oldest U.S. ports in continuous operation.

The aroma is a part of Georgetown that's not fondly remembered by most. International Paper's pulp facility emits a sulfuric odor that permeates the air most days, and while offensive to visitors, it is the smell of industry and jobs to the town's people.

The approach to Georgetown from the Waccamaw may be confusing to some as the Great Pee Dee and Sampit rivers both merge into Winyah Bay. After you pass under the 65-foot-high Lafayette Fixed Bridge (SM 401.1), keep Fl R 4s "94" to the west, then look ahead for Fl(2+1) R 6s "W," which you will also leave to the west. Disregard the markers you'll see to the west that run up the Great Pee Dee River. Simply head for QR 16ft 3M "40." From here, head northwest and enter the Sampit River. Look for Fl R 4s 16ft 3M "42" and Fl G 2.5s 16ft 3M "41" at the mouth of the Sampit and proceed upriver. You'll find several marinas and a very convenient anchorage along the Georgetown waterfront.

If you have taken the outside route from Southport, North Carolina, you'll enter Winyah Bay Entrance west of Mo(A) WHISTLE RW "WB." The channel is 200 yards wide. There is a minimal width of 300 to 400 yards of navigable water, including the channel, all the way in. About 3nm into the inlet at Fl G 2.5s G "17" the well-marked main channel continues to the northwest. This route will lead you to Georgetown. To continue south along the ICW, however, you'll want to turn west-northwest at this mark and into western channel, south of the marsh areas. At Fl R 4s 12ft "2" the dredged waterway branches off to the southwest into the Estherville Minim Creek Canal.

Winyah Bay to Charleston

From Fl R 4s 12ft "2" (SM 410.5), the ICW departs from Winyah Bay, then passes through the Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge, a long, undeveloped stretch similar to the barrier islands of North Carolina. There is a good anchorage in **Minim Creek** (SM 415.5), to the west, but it is subject to significant tidal currents and it's your best choice north of **McClellanville** at SM 430.

McClellanville offers some conveniences, but many visit just to enjoy an afternoon of fishing from the dock or a stroll down a country lane. McClellanville is best known for its people, who rebuilt after Hurricane Hugo, and for their festival, the Lowcountry Shrimp Festival, featuring the Blessing of the Fleet, held on the first Saturday in May. While in town, visit T.W. Graham & Co. for light provisioning and a meal on Buster's Porch.



Traditional basket weaving using the Lowcountry's sweetgrass is an art that's part of South Carolina's soul. © Embassy

The ICW runs down the **Harbor River**, where you can find a good anchorage just east of Fl R 4s "48," at SM 435.7. Another anchorage option slightly farther south is **Graham Creek** (SM 439.1), branching off to the southeast. Continuing down the ICW, there is also an anchorage in **Price Creek** (SM 448.3) entered east of Fl R 4s "86," northeast of Capers Island. Another spot to drop your hook is in the unnamed creek at SM 450.4 just south of R "90."

Continue south past the Isle of Palms, which is mostly residential. North of the Ben Sawyer Swing Bridge (SM 462.2) it would be wise to favor the channel's western side. While dredging takes place often, shoaling still exists and it's not surprising to see a grounded vessel.

After passing under the Ben Sawyer Swing Bridge, it is important not to stray from the channel. Be especially care-



Many beautiful colonial homes line South Carolina's waterways. This one in Beaufort has been turned into a bed and breakfast. © Embassy

ful on a rising tide that you aren't swept into Jeanette Creek by the current. Keep to the south side of the channel with an eye toward Fl G 4s 4M "125." Here, you'll come abeam of the south end of Sullivan's Island and Fort Moultrie. You'll emerge from the restricted borders of the ICW and enter the sweeping panorama of Charleston Harbor (SM 463.7).

Once you enter Charleston Harbor you have four options: head southeast to the Atlantic via the Charleston Harbor Entrance; head north along Mount Pleasant Channel to the town of the same name; head northwest and pick up the main channel to the Cooper River; or head due west to Ashley River, Charleston and the Intracoastal Waterway. All of these options begin at the Fl R 4s 3M "130" light northwest of Fort Moultrie.

The **Charleston Harbor Entrance** passes between Sullivan's Island to the north and Cummings Point to the south. This well-marked, straightforward inlet is protected by two jetties. If traveling from sea, pick up the Mo(A) WHISTLE RW "C," southeast of the jetties.

From Fl R 4s 12ft 3M "130," the **Mount Pleasant Channel** heads to the north, between G "1" and R "2," where you'll find several transient facilities.

Cooper River runs north between Charleston and Hog Island. From Fl R 4s 3M "130" light steer west-northwest to the main channel that heads upriver. Head between Fl G 4s G "1" and Fl R 4s R "2" to enter the channel.

To continue along the ICW or head to the facilities in **Charleston**, head west-southwest, between Fl Y 4s "L" and Fl R 2.5s R "26" and join the channel. (*Refer to the **Charleston Harbor Highlight** for more information.*)

Charleston to Hilton Head

From QR 20ft; Fl R 4s 21ft 3M light (SM 469.4), due west of the Coast Guard Base in Charleston, the ICW takes off down Wappoo Creek. The pace of your cruise through South Carolina slows, inviting a more refined appreciation for the tidal flats and lush habitat of the "low country." Do not expect a swift passage through these marshlands, for the



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gnarled route of the waterway seems to turn back on itself every few miles. It is possible to exhaust an entire morning pushing south through the creeks and rivers without ever escaping the shadow of a high-rise bridge or radio tower.

Your passage through the "low country" is best savored with an emphasis on the quality of miles made good, not the quantity. These sea islands offer a rare opportunity for gunkholing and some of the finest cruising on the waterway. The interior of the islands is heavily wooded, though the shoreline is marsh and sea grass.

Proceed down Wappoo Creek until it converges with **Elliott Cut** just west of Edgewater Park. This cut's entrance can be dangerous. The passage is narrow, so the currents can really rip through here, and it's barely wide enough for two boats to pass at the same time. If a barge is coming through there's no chance to make it. Make a security call before coming through.

You'll enter the **Stono River** at SM 472.6, opposite Buzzards Roost Point. The ICW continues to the north. The

Stono Inlet, about 9.5nm north of the North Edisto River Inlet, is subject to fluctuating shoaling; entrance buoys are frequently repositioned. From the Stono Inlet entrance it's about 12sm to ICW SM 477.5. As with the North Edisto River Inlet, expect significant current except at slack tide.

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Back on the ICW, just south of the John F Limehouse Swing Bridge (vertical clearance: 12 feet) at SM 479.4, there is an anchorage east and north of an unnamed marsh island. As you continue down the waterway to Church Flats, don't be tempted into New Cut, which branches to the southeast at Fl G 4s 13ft "63" (SM 485.2)—it may look inviting, but its entrance here has shoaled and is not navigable.

If you wish to access New Cut and Church Creek, head south to Fl G 4s "77" (SM 487.5) and enter to the east. The entrance here is broad and carries a minimum depth of 10 feet well upstream. The high ground off New Cut Landing offers good protection and affords a scenic view.

At SM 289.7, **Oyster House Creek** branches off to the northwest and is riddled with shoals at its entrance. It is accessible only to vessels drawing 4 feet or less. There has also been severe shoaling reported in the mouth of **Toogoodoo Creek** (SM 495) and it is inadvisable to anchor there. All these "creek" anchorages are subject to significant tidal current; we recommend anchoring Bahamian-style and obtaining local knowledge.

You'll find the **North Edisto River**, dividing Wadmalaw and Edisto Islands, to be one of the most delightful cruising grounds in South Carolina. At SM 496.6, the ICW runs into the North Edisto River, which meanders to the southeast.

About 1.1sm into the river, Steamboat Creek departs on the western shore at R "2," where you'll find a good anchorage. Continue southeast in the North Edisto to Westbank Creek, another fine anchorage that snakes off the western shore.

Continuing down the Waterway, from SM 496.6, you'll enter the Dawho River. The Dawho's entrance has shoaled in several places outside its well-marked channel, so you will make a couple careful turns until you're just past Fl G 4s 12ft "119."

Continue west through Watts Cut at Fl G 4s "143." The cut empties into South Edisto River. At Fl R 4s 12ft 3M "162" (SM 511) the ICW follows the river until Fenwick Cut. The passage from Fenwick Cut then takes you to the Ashepoo Coosaw Cutoff, which empties into St. Helena Sound at Fl R 2.5s 12ft 3M "186" (SM 518.4).

Head to the southeast and St. Helena Sound opens to the Atlantic. The inlet is heavily shoaled, especially east of Morgan Island, so stick to the markers. This inlet is only advisable to those with local experience.

Through St. Helena Sound the "low country" offers an assortment of day excursions and overnight anchorages. The many creeks and rivers provide nourishment for the tidal flats, helping to support a large fleet of shrimp boats. On a quiet night, anchored in the elbow of Back Creek on



South Carolina's lovely public beaches make a great place for game of follow the leader. © Embassy

Morgan Island, you can hear the steady drone of the working diesels, straining to lift trawls filled with the shrimp of St. Helena Sound.

On St. Helena Island, live oaks envelop the sandy lanes, and the ocean breeze rustles the sea grass along the marsh. In the past, this delta concealed pirates and rum-runners, expatriates, and shrewd Indians. Today, the mansions and natural beauty of the islands of St. Helena Sound stand as a tribute to a simpler time.

The ICW heads to the north of Morgan Island and into Coosaw River. Follow this until it becomes Brickyard Creek and finally the Beaufort River. Here you will find the beautiful southern town of Beaufort, the soul of South Carolina cruising. (*Refer to the **Beaufort Harbor Highlight** for more information.*)

South of Beaufort, the Beaufort River runs along the north shore of Parris Island and into Port Royal Sound. From R N "2" in the main channel, you can continue on the ICW and head southwest or head out the well-marked Port Royal Sound Entrance. The approach to Port Royal Sound Entrance begins at Mo(A) RW "P"

If you elect to remain on the ICW, as the Beaufort River empties into Port Royal Sound at SM 548.5, leave Fl G 4s "27" to the west and R N "26" to the east. Round Fl R 4s 16ft "246," leaving it to the north, and head in a westerly direction for 2.5sm to R N "2," keeping it the north as well. Continue on toward Fl G 2.5s 16ft "3" off Dolphin Head, marking the northwest corner of Hilton Head Island. Keep an eye on R "4" to the west, which marks a large shoal that runs off Pinckney Island. Leave G "5" to the east and Fl R 4s 12ft "6" to the west as you begin your majestic passage along the shores of Hilton Head Island.

To use Calibogue Sound as an entrance to Hilton Head you must approach through Tybee Roads. This approach can be hazardous because of shoaling. You're better off running north to Port Royal Sound Entrance. In any case, pick up Tybee Roads channel northwest of Mo(A) WHISTLE RW "T." At Fl R 2.5s R "14" depart from the channel and head north toward Fl G 4s 16ft 4M "3" and Calibogue Sound. Be forewarned, you should obtain local knowledge before cruising this passage, as the area shoals frequently. (*Refer to the **Hilton Head Harbor Highlight** for more information.*)

The ICW continues between QR 16ft 4M "32" light and the Fl 4s 47ft light on Haig Point, at the southwest corner of Calibogue Sound. You will find an anchorage in Bull Creek (SM 565.5). There is an uncharted sand bar across the mouth of the New River just south of SM 570 prior to the ICW entering Ramshorn Creek. Follow the channel carefully here.

There is another anchorage at SM 571.3 in an unnamed creek across from G "43," or you may try anchoring in the Wright River at SM 572.2.

As you leave South Carolina by way of Daufuskie Island, you are deep in Southern coastal country and, no doubt, not



The water in South Carolina's section of the Intracoastal Waterway is rich in tannic acid, making it a tea-like color. It can also make serious mustaches on your boat. © Embassy

mindin' it at all. You'll cross the South Carolina/Georgia state line at SM 575.7.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

Coast Guard: All stations monitor VHF 16

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

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THE GRAND STRAND

You won't know you're in Myrtle Beach from the looks of the ICW. There's none of the bright lights, glitz and gaudy glamour that you associate with this tourist magnet. It's hard to believe that this city of lights was once like its timid, unassuming shoreline, but until the turn of the century when businessmen began to invest and build, it was.

It all started when Frank Burrough and B.G. Collins collaborated to create a lumber and naval store company in Conway. They purchased thousands of acres of land, including most of the coastline between the North Carolina border and Murrells Inlet. After seeing the rewards reaped by resorts in the north, Burrough and Collins gave it a try themselves. Vacationers came and were trolleyed down the coast via a new railroad. The area was known as New Town until a newspaper contest renamed it Myrtle Beach after the many wax myrtle bushes that grew along the coast. A year later, in 1901, the first lodging was erected. There has been no turning back.

Myrtle Beach grew like wildfire, with developers selling land left and right. Big businessmen from around the country looked at Myrtle Beach and saw dollar signs. Large-scale resorts popped up overnight. Along with businessmen came golf courses (businessmen can't work all the time, you know). Today, more than 80 courses sprawl along the Grand Strand with more in the works—and the supply can't even keep up with the demand.

The 1980s saw the arrival of Myrtle Beach as a shoppers' paradise, which has brought Myrtle Beach to what it is today—a place packed with themed restaurants, amusement parks, shopping plazas, long stretches of beach, golf courses and almost anything else that would attract a vacationer.

What To See and Do

Myrtle Beach takes the glitz and tackiness of Atlantic City and combines it with the family fun of Disney World. This is a town made for the vacationer, so you'll never be wont for something to see or do. While there's little chance of mentioning everything in the area, here's a start.

One activity that defines Myrtle Beach and the Grand Strand is golf. Since 1986, 36 golf courses have opened along the Grand Strand. Add that to the 22 that already existed and the 25 or so that plan to open by 2000, and you may never get back on the boat again (well, now that's crazy talk). You'll pay a little more money than your average hometown public course (\$25 to \$120), but that is to be expected. While some courses are booked months in advance, there's always a tee awaiting a divot. If you're not in the mood for a long 18, there are also a handful of driving ranges and par-3 courses.

Myrtle Beach is one of the few places where the restaurants are also the attractions. Themed eateries like Planet Hollywood, Hard Rock Cafe and the All-Star Cafe are quite a sight, especially at night. You'll dine beside the garb and equipment of the celebrities, and that's what you'll pay for. Whether you like to be behind the wheel or are content to



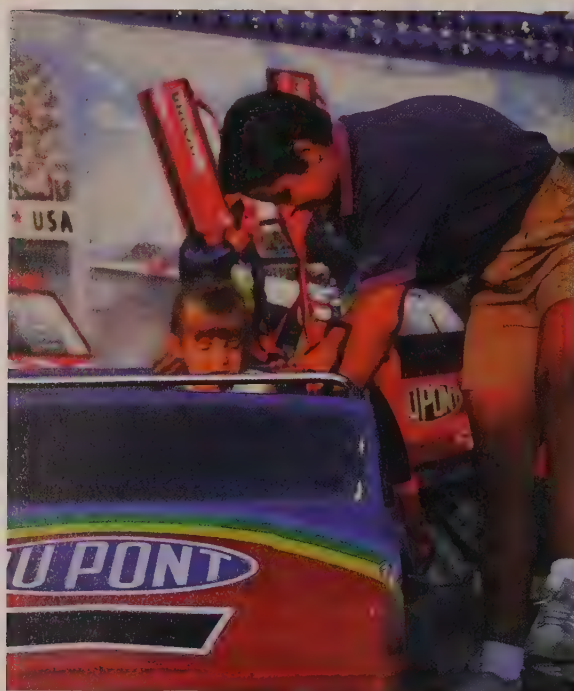
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If you make it around to all the rides and attractions in The Grand Strand, you may feel like your head is spinning. © Embassy

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Approach Depth in Feet at MLW		Seasonal / Year-round		Restrooms / Showers / Laundry / Pumpout		Public Phone Restaurant / Snack Bar		Hotel / Pool / Tennis / Golf									
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If you worry a lot about whether or not the fish you're eating is fresh, there's one way to solve your problem—catch it yourself. Aside from the more than half dozen piers and beaches from which to surf-cast, charter boats can motor you into deeper water. Stop by the marinas at around 4 or 5 p.m. and talk with the crews about booking a trip.

When the sun falls in the sky, the city becomes aglow with a radiant night life. Close to the marinas you'll find live music at Dock Holidays Grill, right at Dock Holidays Marina, Mulligans, and the Country Jamboree.

Closer to the ocean, Spanish Galleon and Fat Harold's Beach Club will keep you occupied. Down by Barefoot Landing there's Dick's Last Resort, Crawdaddy's Bar & Grill, and the House of Blues.

The Myrtle Beach Pavilion Amusement Park will keep the kids busy until the quarters and tokens run out. Don't forget about the miniature golf courses, bumper boats, go-carts, museums, the Myrtle Beach Speedway, shopping and... the list of manmade fun goes on. To get back on Mother Nature's side, hop off the boardwalk and onto the beach.

Restaurants and Provisions

If you can't find something you like to eat in the nearly 1,500 restaurants in the Myrtle Beach area, then maybe you're just a little too finicky. There are more than enough tasty eating options to titillate your taste buds. Restaurants will vary from elegant to casual, and themed restaurants to mom-and-pop eateries

Everyone knows celebrities live in their own little world anyway, so why not check it out and have a bite to eat at Planet Hollywood (843-916-0411). Athletes stepped up to the plate and started the All-Star Cafe (843-916-8326). Race over to Nascar Cafe (843-946-RACE) for a little auto racing memorabilia and grub. Where there are themed restaurants you're sure to find a Hard Rock Cafe (843-946-0007). The lines are usually long at these places and the price a little high, but at least you can say you've been there.

If you find a spot at Barefoot Landing you can pretty much step off your boat and you're at a restaurant. There are six in all here. For the best Mexican food you'll find in the area, head to Fajitas Grande (843-272-2342). If you like your dogs with mustard and relish, try Alabama Grill (843-361-2262). Of course the menus more extensive than that, and you'll enjoy a scenic view of the waterway.

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THE GRAND STRAND



Whether it's Planet Hollywood, Hard Rock Cafe, or Hooters, trendy restaurants dominate the nightlife along the Grand Strand. © Embassy

In North Myrtle Beach, just south of the Little River Inlet, Crickett Cove Marina's exquisite offerings include a fantastic restaurant. A little farther south, the Marker 350 Restaurant (843-249-3888) at HarbourGate Marina serves up excellent American fare and you can debate whether the actual statute mile is 347.9 or 350. It's pretty obvious that it's easier to remember Marker 350 than Marker 347.9.

A number of the marinas away from the strip also offer edibles or can provide transportation to the table. For example, Wacca Wache has a small eatery and some provisions, but if you like to dine out, Russell's Seafood Grill (843-651-0553) will pick you up at the marina. Hague Marina, known for its boatyard, doesn't have a restaurant on site, but they'll gladly get you a ride to their favorites. These include Mancuso's Restaurant (843-293-3193), Maryland Crab House (843-293-2722), Broadway at the Beach (843-444-3200), and Flamingo's (843-449-5388). One thing's for sure, the friendly folks in these parts won't let you go hungry.

If none of the hundreds of restaurants get the ol' salivary juices flowing, just take a ride down Route 1 and you'll be bombarded with eating options. All along the main strip you'll find grocery stores and fast-food joints, not to mention gift shops and souvenir stands.

Navigation and Anchorages

In terms of navigation, there is little to concern yourself with in the Myrtle Beach area. The ICW here is dredged and well marked. Actually, you can consider yourself lucky when traveling from marina to marina—a 30sm trip by boat can be about 60sm by car.

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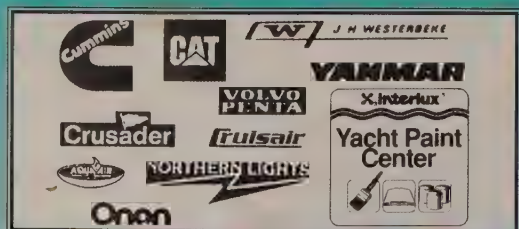
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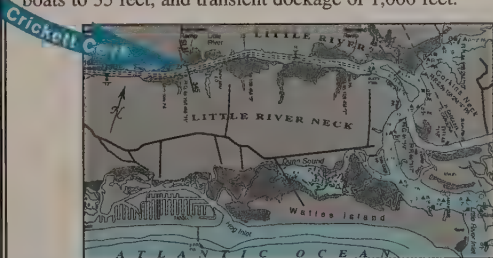


You're encouraged to race to the table at this Grand Strand restaurant, where they serve fast food, well, food fast. © Embassy

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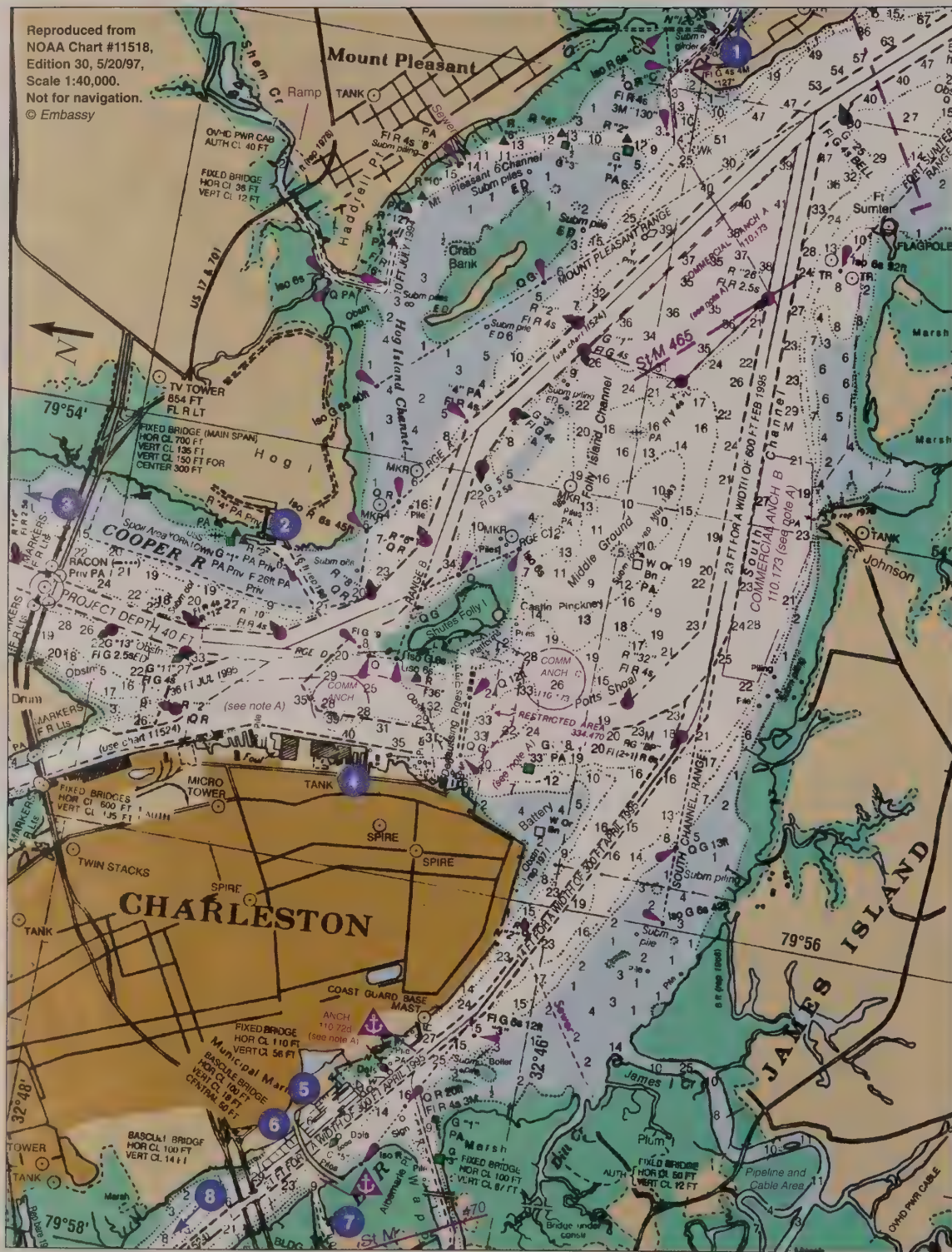
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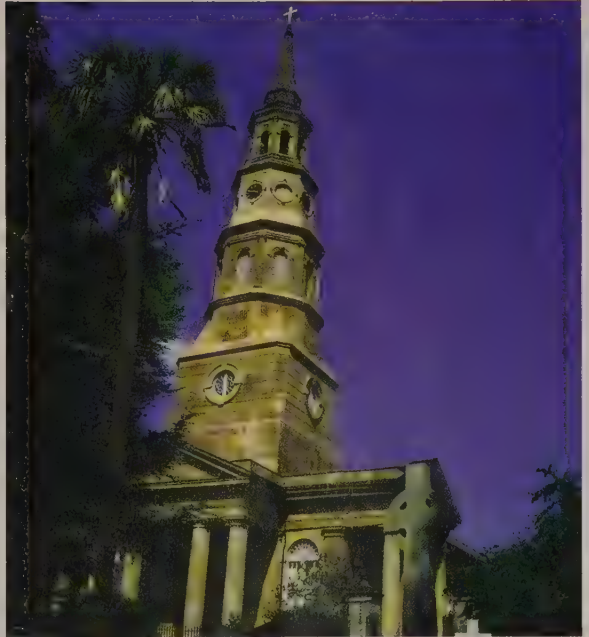


The genteel port of Charleston has long been a city of southern gentlemen and belles. They've made their homes in the only places that seem appropriate, grand structures in purely southern style, fronted by porticos and verandahs and ringed with stands of palmettos, the state tree.

In June of 1776, the British Navy dispatched a fleet of warships, intent on establishing a military base in Charleston. Colonel William Moultrie sought to check the British fleet off Sullivan's Island and ordered his troops to construct an earthen fortress from sand and palmetto logs.

Citizens came out to jeer Moultrie and his men, suggesting that the palmetto planks would soon become their coffins. This only spurred them on, and when the British fleet weighed anchor off Charles Town bar, the fort was finished on three sides.

On the morning of June 16, more than 300 guns opened fire on the tiny garrison. When the smoke cleared from the initial barrage, Moultrie and his men were heartened to see that the spongy palmetto logs had absorbed most of the cannonballs, leaving the fort unscathed. Then they returned fire,



National Historic Landmarks, like St. Philip's Episcopal Church, right, are commonplace in Charleston. © Embassy

DOCKAGE			SERVICES			SUPPLIES			AMENITIES			See Page 400		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Number of Transient Berths	Number of Working VHF Channel	Seasonal / Year-round	Approach Depth in Feet at MLW	Dockside Depth in Feet at MLW	Maximum LOA	110V * 220V / 3 Phase	Rail / Lift / Crane / Phone / Cable TV	Repairs: Propeller / Sail / Rigging / Gas	Diesel / Wood / Fiberglass / Electronics	Marine / Groceries / Ice / Bait / LPG / CNG	Restrooms / Showers / Laundry / Pumpout	Public Phone / Restaurant / Snack Bar	MasterCard / VISA / Discover / AmEx	See Page 400
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shattering the hulls and riggings of the British warships. The battle raged throughout the day, and by nightfall, the crippled and humiliated British fleet retreated offshore.

In honor of the brave men at Fort Moultrie, South Carolina adopted the crescent moon banner that had flown over the fort and incorporated it with the palmetto tree as the design for the state flag.

What to See and Do

Welcome to the Old South. Along the Charleston waterfront, you'll see the elegant, multi-story dwellings of long ago. Two of these homes, the Calhoun Mansion (843-722-8205) and the Edmondston-Alston House (843-722-7171), are open for tours.

You can count on the Downtown Area Shuttle (DASH, 843-724-7420) to zip you around for pocket change. Take a trolley out to the diamond for a Charleston River Dogs (843-723-7241) baseball game or climb aboard with Charleston Carriage Company (843-723-8687) or Olde Towne Carriage Company (843-722-1315) for a fun way to spend an hour getting to know this grand city.

Your own feet are the ticket to the Charleston Tea Party Walking Tour (843-577-5896), which focuses on architecture, gardens and off-the-beaten-path nooks, followed by a relaxing outdoor tea. Charleston Walks, The Original (843-577-3800) presents a slew of themed tours on foot, includ-

ing the Lowcountry Ghost Walk (843-577-3800), where you'll get spooked out of your shoes learning the spine-chilling legends of the pretty city.

To take a load off your legs in air-conditioned comfort, opt for Doin' the Charleston (843-763-1233) aboard a coach with extra-large viewing windows. By water, take it easy with Charleston Gray Line (843-722-1112) or the Charleston Harbor Tour (843-722-1691), or lend a hand on the three-masted schooner *Pride* (843-571-2486).

Patriots Point in Mount Pleasant is the home of the World War II aircraft carrier *Yorktown*, among other battle vessels. Take a gander at the Medal of Honor Museum and Naval Maritime Museum, among the many memorials and exhibits. Fort Sumter, a Federal stronghold and starting point of the Civil War, is the most prominent feature in Charleston Harbor. The only access to it is via Fort Sumter Tours (843-722-1691); their boats leave from Patriots Point and Charleston City Marina.

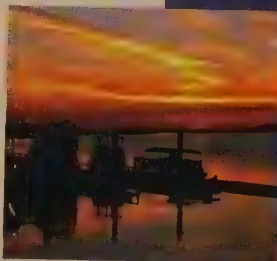
Calling all spenders: base your shopping spree around The Market at the corner of Meeting and Market streets. Built to be a food marketplace selling fish, produce, and meat, it now houses mainly specialty stores selling small giftware, books, and artwork. You can pick up knick-knacks for your kitchen shelf, purchase sweetgrass baskets or dolls woven on the spot, or buy vegetables from people of the Gullah culture.

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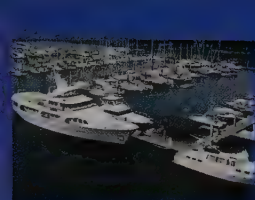
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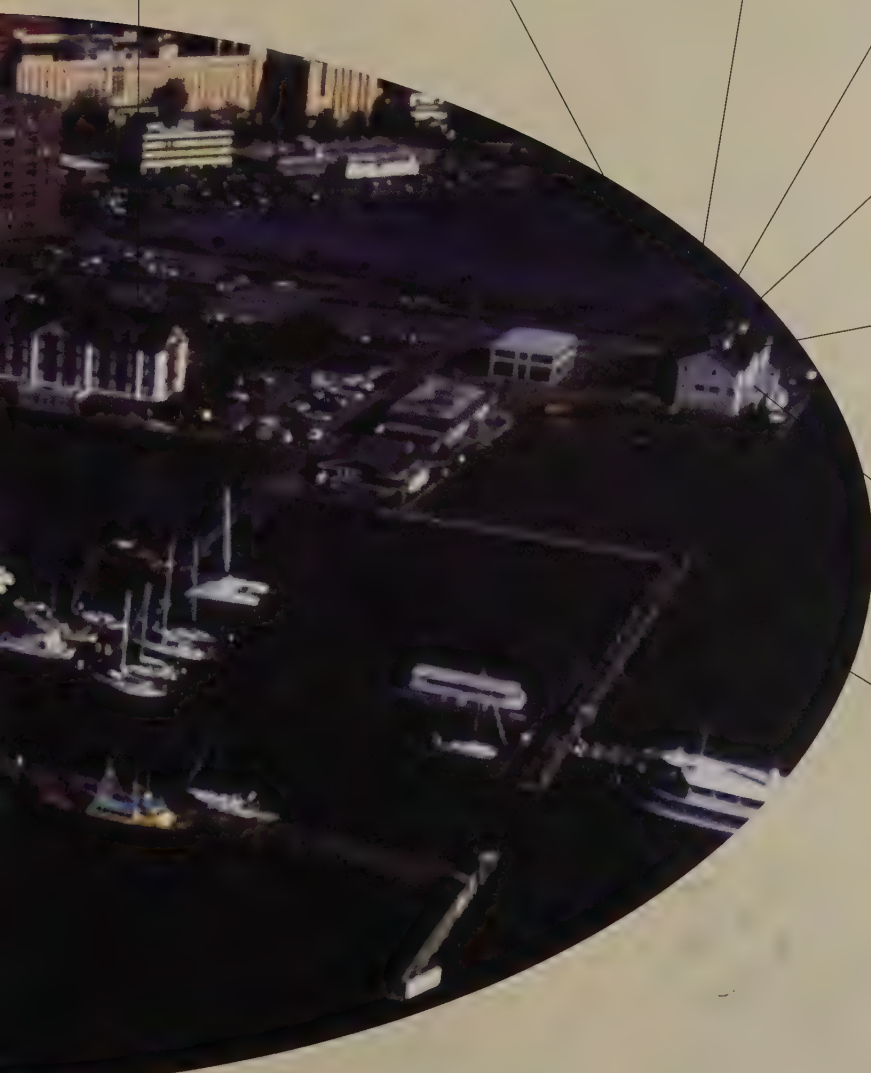


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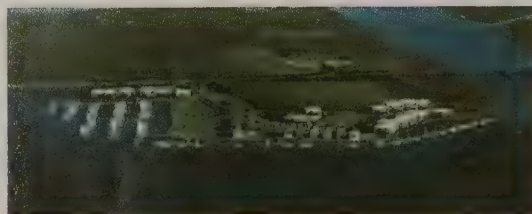


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Even if you're not a green thumb yourself, you'll enjoy the area's famous gardens. Drayton Hall (843-766-0188), a National Historic Landmark, offers guided tours of the landscaping around the mid-18th-century Georgian Palladian mansion. Middleton Place (843-556-6020) is the oldest landscaped garden in America, with splendid water gardens and terraces, as well as costumed people who re-create plantation life. Magnolia Plantation and Gardens (843-571-1266) displays year-round color along the Ashley River, albeit a considerable cab ride away from downtown.

Swimmers, hit the clean, beautiful public beaches on the surrounding East Islands, but mind the amazing cross-rip—it'll pull you parallel to the shoreline, down the strand from where you left your towel. When the surf is right, it's a fine ride, whether you're hanging ten or clutching a boogie. In some places, such as the Breach Inlet vicinity, it's too dangerous to enter the water, and the signs there will let you know plainly that it's also illegal.

Restaurants and Provisions

At Pusser's Landing (843-853-1000), next to the City Marina, you can imagine yourself in the Caribbean—not that you'd want to imagine yourself outside of Charleston. The nautical-English decor, cigar room, and Victorian bar (where you can get the famous rum) all contribute to the ambience.

You'll find Neptune's cornucopia at A.W. Shucks (843-723-1151). Don't miss the seafood casserole, she-crab soup, and fried shrimp. Southend Brewery & Smokehouse (843-853-4677) offers salads, wood-oven pizza, barbecue, pasta, burgers and, of course, handcrafted beer. Let's not forget the cigar lounge, game room, and nightly entertainment.

Since 1890, Hyman's Seafood has been the favorite among families hungry for the fruits of the sea, with choices for non-fish eaters. Grab breakfast or a quick sandwich at Aaron's Deli, a true New York-style eatery full of chopped liver, kosher meats, corned beef, and pastrami.

Step into Jestine's Kitchen (843-722-7224) for the type of cuisine that a southern grandma would cook, or try Mint Julep's (843-853-6468) in the French Quarter. Charlestown Pizza Grille (843-720-2112) will satisfy your cravings for specialty pastas and pies. The feature at Captain Stacks (843-853-8600) is the Steam Room, where they prepare all kinds of shellfish and lowcountry seafood.

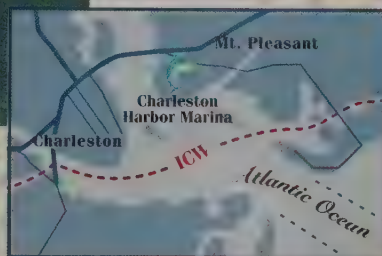
If you're intrigued, as we were, by a place that calls itself "an artisan style bakery & cafe," stop into Saffron Bread Company (843-722-5588) for breakfast, lunch, dinner, or Sunday brunch. Papillon Contemporary Mediterranean Cafe & Bakery (843-723-6510) boasts an all-you-can-eat lunch every day, plus breakfast and dinner.

Meat lovers shouldn't miss Charleston Chops (843-937-9300), known as much for steaks, lamb, veal and game as for their sing-along piano bar. Steps away, Rococo (843-723-3822), a German bakery and deli, serves up sausage, cakes, coffee and other treats for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

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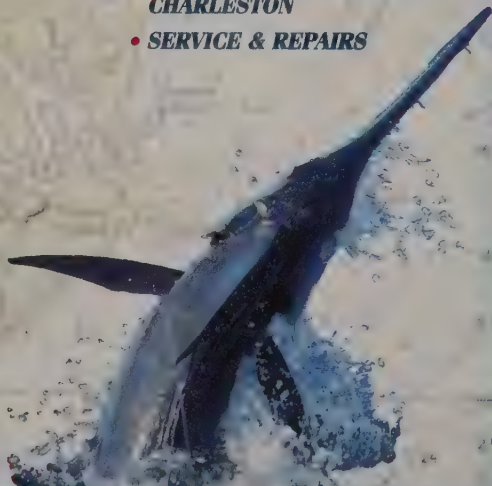
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Fly over to Wild Wings (843-722-9464) for chicken and ribs in a good selection of sauces, some nearly as hot as this hoppin' place becomes at night. Best known for their legendary milk shakes, Kaminsky's Most Excellent Cafe (843-853-8270) is the place for scrumptious desserts. We predict you'll order more than one—it's just too hard to decide.

Even on a cloudy day, you'll feel the sun when you dine at California Dreaming (843-766-1644), opposite Ashley Marina as you head toward Ripley Light Marina. Their golden lunch and dinner choices include beef, seafood, and poultry.

You're in luck if you need to re-provision. This is downtown Charleston, and shops are plentiful. The convenience store at the gas station on the edge of the City Marina is well-stocked and open late. For groceries on a larger scale, take a short cab ride to a supermarket. Luden's (843-723-7829), a place for outdoorsy people, sells boat supplies and hardware.

You may dock and dine at Crab House (843-795-1963) and enjoy loads of appetizers, excellent seafood, steaks and chicken. Try the garlic crabs! Shem Creek presents some dining options. Scan the menu at One Eyed Parrot (843-886-4361) with both peepers to find something you like, be it a medium-rare steak or Caribbean seafood. John's American Oyster Bar (843-884-8103) fills you up with the freshest food from the briny deep, and Shem Creek Bar & Grill (843-884-8102) serves grilled items as well as oysters and clams; try the Sunday brunch, too.

Navigation and Anchorages

From the north

The last stretches of the ICW before giving way to Charleston Harbor are quintessential South Carolina—lush shorelines that beckon a scenic photograph. Along the way you'll pass several transient facilities including Wild Dunes Yacht Harbor.

As you approach the Ben Sawyer Swing Bridge (vertical clearance: 31 feet when closed) at SM 462.2, favor the western side of the channel as it tends to shoal to the east. After passing under this bridge, do not stray from the channel. Be especially careful on a rising tide that you aren't swept into Jeanette Creek by the current.

Keep to the south side of the channel with an eye toward Fl G 4s 4M "125." At this light, you can follow a channel southeast to the Yacht Club at Toler's Cove. Continuing along the ICW, you'll come abeam of the south end of Sullivans Island and Fort Moultrie. You'll emerge from the restricted borders of the Waterway and enter the sweeping panorama of Charleston Harbor, between QR "C" and Fl G 4s 4M "127."

Charleston Harbor

Once you enter Charleston Harbor you have four options: head southeast to the Atlantic via the Charleston Harbor Entrance; head north along Mount Pleasant Channel to the town of the same name; head northwest and pick up the main channel to the Cooper River; or head due west to Ashley Creek, Charleston and the ICW. To reach all of these options, begin at the Fl R 4s 3M "130" light northwest of Fort Moultrie.

Charleston Harbor Entrance

The **Charleston Harbor Entrance** passes between Sullivans Island to the north and Cummings Point to the south. This well-marked, straightforward inlet is protected by two jetties. If traveling from sea, pick up the Mo(A) WHISTLE RW "C," southeast of the jetties.

Mount Pleasant Channel

From Fl G 4s 3M "130," the **Mount Pleasant Channel** heads to the north, between G "1" and R "2." Stick to the markers as the channel leads you north of Crab Bank and to a number of restaurants. Transient space is hard to come by, however.

Cooper River

Cooper River runs north between Charleston proper and Hog Island. From Fl R 4s 3M "130" light, steer west-northwest to the main channel that heads upriver. Head between Fl G 4s G "1" and Fl R 4s R "2" to enter the channel.

Just north of QR "8" a channel splits off to the northeast where you'll find several transient facilities including Charleston Harbor Marina Resort at Patriots Point. Farther up Cooper River, you'll find Halsey-Cannon Boatyard, where you can get fuel and repairs.

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Ashley River

To head to Charleston proper or continue along the ICW, head west-northwest from the light between Fl Y 4s Y "L" and Fl R 2.5s R "26." From here, you join the South Channel, which curves into the Ashley River. At QR 20ft; Fl R 4s 3M light at SM 469.3, the ICW branches off to the west, down the Wappoo Creek. You'll find numerous transient facilities including Mariner's Cay and Bohicket Marina.

Continue up the Ashley and you'll come to the city marina on the eastern shore, before the 56-foot-high fixed bridge. On the other side of the bridge is Ashley Marina. About 0.3sm upriver, you'll come to two bascule bridges with 18 and 14 feet of vertical clearance when closed, respectively.

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ture, a hybrid of western African (Sierra Leone) and southern American. The Gullah people are descended from slaves who were brought to the area in the 1800s and freed after the Federal occupation of the sea islands in the Civil War. They carry on the vibrant culture through art, literature, festivals, and most evidently in the unique dialect.

What to See and Do

If you're staying at the Downtown Marina, the Greater Beaufort Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center (843-524-3163) is right in your shadow. Stop in with any questions about the town and pick up maps and information to help you plan your stay.

The Beaufort Arsenal Museum (843-525-7077) outlines regional history with exhibits of fossils, early American artifacts, Civil War "relics," and plantation handicrafts and occasional slide shows and lectures. Architecture hounds shouldn't miss the John Mark Verdier House (843-524-6334), an 1800s home of a merchant planter preserved in Federal style. At North Street Aquarium (843-524-1559), you can observe live shrimp up close and in action—act quickly to get to them before Forrest's friend Bubba makes them into any one of his mama's thousand shrimp specialties.

Grant the experts free rein to help you get acquainted with the town: take a guided tour under genuine horsepower. Try Carriage Tours of Beaufort (843-521-1651), Carolina Buggy Tours (843-525-1300), or Old Towne Carriage (843-521-1651). You can opt for Mr. Ed's Carriage Tours (843-522-3576), but we can't guarantee that the guy pulling the carriage will do any talking.

Give the equine set a rest and let your piggies do the strolling with The Spirit of Old Beaufort (843-525-0459) walking tour, led by guides in old-time costumes. On a different path, Water Walk Touring Co./The Kayak Farm (843-838-2008) offers "guided wilderness explorations," and Blackstone's Deli runs Barge River Tours, 45-minute narrated excursions that leave from Downtown Marina.

Other sundry pastimes we recommend: rent bikes at Lowcountry Bicycles Inc. (843-524-9585), go bowling at Ribaut Lanes (843-524-3111)—there's even bumper bowling for the wee ones, or go below with Dive Junction (843-522-9430). If those activities don't turn your key, cart yourself over to the green at the Country Club of Beaufort (843-522-1605) or raise a racquet on the public tennis courts at Bladen and Boundary streets.

Beaufort is a downright fine place for a party. Schedule your stopover around May's Gullah Festival or July's Water Festival parade, featuring street dancing, music and entertainment of all kinds. March through September, you can enjoy live jazz in the Waterfront Park.

Restaurants and Provisions

Everything a growling stomach could want is right on Bay Street. An 18th-century waterfront mansion sets the mood at the Anchorage (843-524-9392), serving continental and local entrees, and you're sure to recognize the Bank Grill & Bar (843-522-8831) as a former institute of savings and loans. Make a deposit to your stomach in the form of a specialty salad, super sandwich, or black angus steak—you're sure to find something of interest.



Find out how much the doggies in the window cost while strolling along downtown Beaufort's quaint shopping district. © Embassy

There's a bunch of great choices on the menu at Bananas (843-522-0910): Cajun gumbo, scallop saute, and blackened chicken sandwich, to name a few, spiced up with live entertainment on weekends. Harry's Restaurant (843-524-3993), also on Bay Street, opens for breakfast and lunch, but upstairs, the historical John Cross Tavern (843-524-3993) balances things out by serving dinner every night but Sunday.

Get plump at Plum's Cafe (843-525-1946) on stir-fry, specialty soups, great steaks, micro-brews and ice cream. Some dancing at Ping's Sports Bar & Grille (843-521-2545) will work off calories into the night; they also feature interactive trivia games.

A block over on Port Republic Street, Emily's Restaurant and Tapas Bar (843-522-1866) seems to be the local hangout. A few steps away, you can get freshly-caught seafood and lowcountry cuisine cooked the right way at the BackStreet Cafe (843-524-2100).

Early risers appreciate Beaufort Inn & Restaurant (843-521-9000) for their daily southern breakfast and Sunday brunch, and the nightly dinner menu is nothing to blink at.

Gadsby Tavern (843-525-1800) is another brunch spot, serving Italian dishes, seafood, and great desserts as well.

For less than ravenous times, Sweet Temptations Bakery & Cafe (843-524-6171) fits the bill with fresh breads, pastries, cakes, and lunch items, while Blackstone's Deli & Cafe (843-524-4330) offers breakfast and lunch, soups, and take-out items. When you're hungry for a great read and a hot cup of something, Firehouse Books and Espresso Bar (843-522-2665) is just what you're looking for.

Reprovision at Koth's Grocery and Deli (843-524-2562), next to the Federal Courthouse, or out on Highway 21, where there are many stores and fast-food places.

On Helena Island, you can get to know a unique culture at the Gullah House Restaurant (843-838-2402). Order a cup of *soup ob de day* and listen to the rich Gullah dialect as you peruse by candlelight the menu full of traditional dishes such as Frogmore stew and crab frittas. The restaurant offers live music on weekends and also runs the Gullah 'n' Geechie Mahn Tours of St. Helena and her neighboring islands. While you're on St. Helena Island, try the Candied Yam Bakery & Cafe (843-838-2402) for breakfast, lunch, or just to get some sweet treats.

There are several fine places to tie up at Lady's Island for lunch or dinner. Try Ollie's Seafood Grille & Bar (843-525-6333) or Factory Creek Landing (843-525-1165). You'll also find a Winn-Dixie over there.

Navigation and Anchorages

From the north

From Coosaw River, you'll enter Brickyard Creek at Brickyard Point (SM 529). You'll then wind down the well-marked river towards Beaufort.

At about SM 534.5, you'll see markers heading to the northeast which leads to the transient friendly Marsh Harbour Boatyard. Just south of this channel you'll see the northern entrance to Factory Creek. Do not enter the creek here—it's too shallow. Instead, enter Factory Creek just east of the Ladys Island Swing Bridge (vertical clearance: 30 feet when closed). West of the swing bridge, Downtown Marina offers transient space and easy access to this southern city. In the vicinity of the town of Beaufort, Brickyard Creek turns into Beaufort River.

Factory Creek

Follow the markers into Factory Creek, beginning with G "1." On the southern shore you'll find Ladys Island Marina, or you can opt to find a place to drop a hook in 10 to 14 feet of water.

From the south

From Port Royal Sound, turn north into Beaufort River. Keep Fl R 4s 16ft 3M "246," marking Parris Island Spit, to the north and west. The river is well marked and lined on its western shore with beautiful homes.



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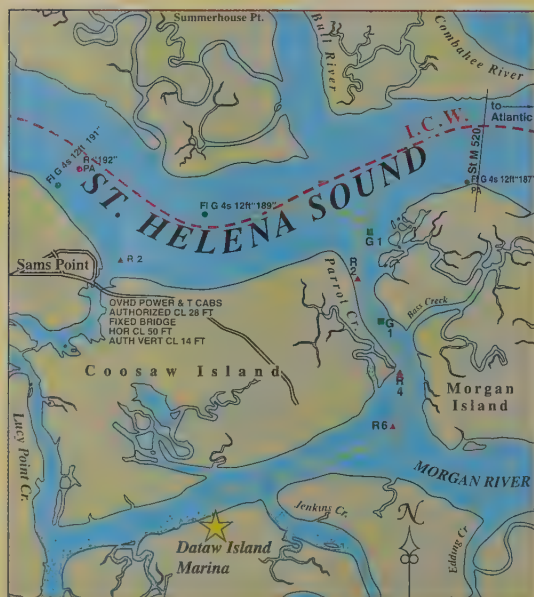
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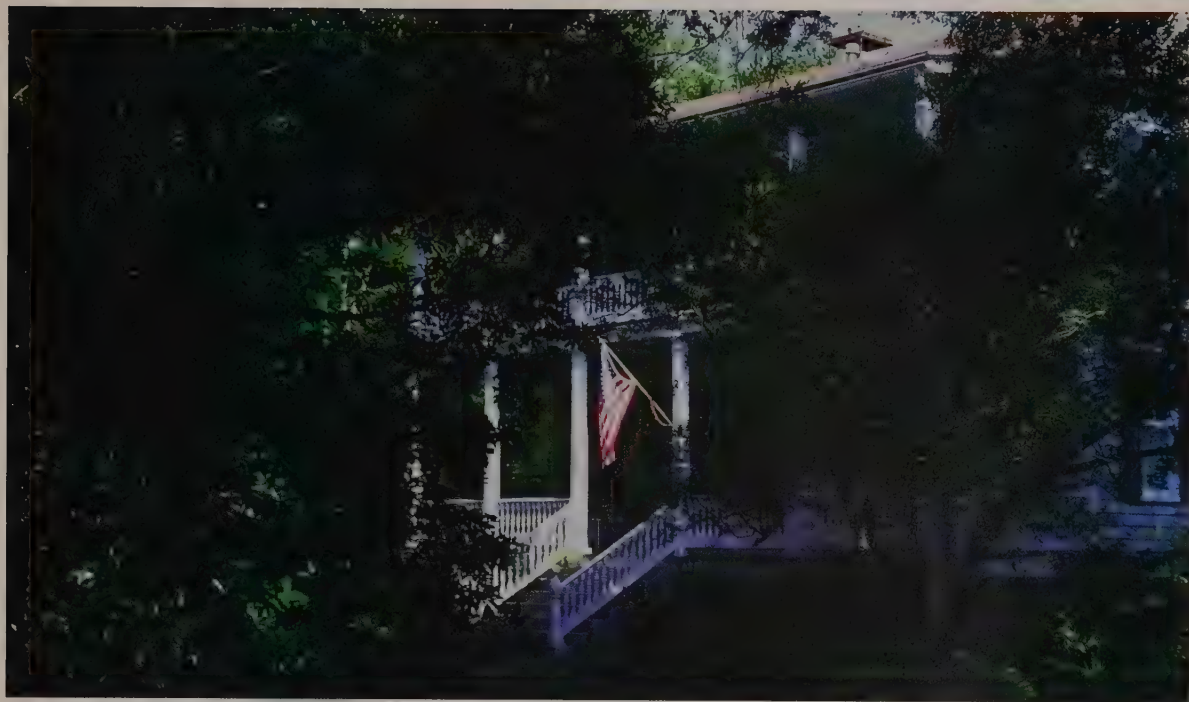


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Once you round Spanish Point, marked by Fl R 4s 12ft 3M "242," the river looks wide open, but take another look at your chart. The marsh area east of Fl G 4s 12ft 4M "241" on your chart is real, so stay west of the markers.

Morgan River

At SM 521.4 you can depart from the ICW and head south toward Dataw Island Marina, on the Morgan River. Beginning with G "1," follow the daymarkers down Parrot Creek. At R "6," you'll hit Morgan River. Head west and about 2sm upriver. Dataw Island Marina is on the southern shore.

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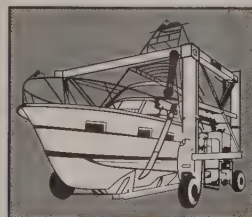
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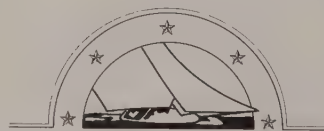
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Hilton Head—actually shaped like the body's other extreme, the foot—is laced with pine trees, live oaks, palms and sea oats nourished by heady pluff mud. The island

was once covered with indigo plantations, but in the last 50 years the color scheme has gone from blue to subdued gray and tan in the form of monochromatic, gated subdivisions.

The color code is all part of a plan to keep the island from being overrun with flashiness, as with some other resort areas. Houses are all muted earth tones, blending into nature, with mailboxes all a standard dark green. Businesses throughout the island must conform as well, sticking to the color scheme and keeping their signs low to the ground.

think of it, developer Charles Fraser's motivations when planning the Sea Pines area in the 1950s were commendable. He felt that nothing should take away from the natural beauty of the pines. More importantly, he situated the houses well off the oceanfront, sparing the fragile, ever-changing barrier shore.

The Yamassee Indians came to Hilton Head in the 1600s to fish off that shoreline and live off the abundant fowl, shellfish, and wild game found on the island. As the original tenants of this pristine landscape, the Yamassees became caught in a territorial conflict among the French, English and Spanish. By 1663, Great Britain claimed the island as its own, renaming it in honor of Captain William Hilton, who first promoted colonization of the island after traveling there aboard *Adventure*.

Through the course of the island's resort destination history, golf has been the attraction. There are different strokes for different folks, but one of the following is sure to suit you to a tee: Harbour Town Golf Links (843-363-4485), Golden Bear Golf Club (843-689-2200), or Island West (843-689-6660).

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Harbour Town Yacht Basin glows in the early morning light in late fall. © Embassy

Hit the water with “an educational trawling expedition” shrimping aboard *Tammy Jane* (843-384-7833) or crabbing on *Crabber J II* (843-689-6558). Or paddle away your day with a kayak trip. Whether it’s a nature tour or just a bit of exploration, plenty of places can help you out. Try Cool Breeze Kayaking (843-842-8200), Awesome Expeditions (843-842-9763) at Shelter Cove Marina, or Outside Hilton Head (843-671-2643) at South Beach Marina. Choose from various watery adventures, including parasailing, at Palmetto Bay Marina (843-785-7131).

Make use of the famous, popular bike path—25 smoothly paved miles take you through shady residential areas past golf resorts and marinas. It’s excellent for skating or walking as well. Hilton Head’s hard-packed beaches are also fine for fat-tire biking. Rental bikes seem to be available everywhere you look. Pedals (843-842-5522), Sand Cats (843-785-3210), or Paradise (843-686-4146) will peddle you some two-wheelers for your crew.

An instrumental part of evening entertainment is music, and many restaurants and lounges offer live bands. At Harbour Town, you can pull up a rocking chair and enjoy a few songs under the Liberty Oak; Gregg Russell puts on an excellent sing-along show for families. If you can find the energy, engage in that Carolina strand standard, shag dancing, on or off the sand.

Restaurants and Provisions

In Harbour Town, you can stand in the shadows of that famous live oak and the candy-striped lighthouse while

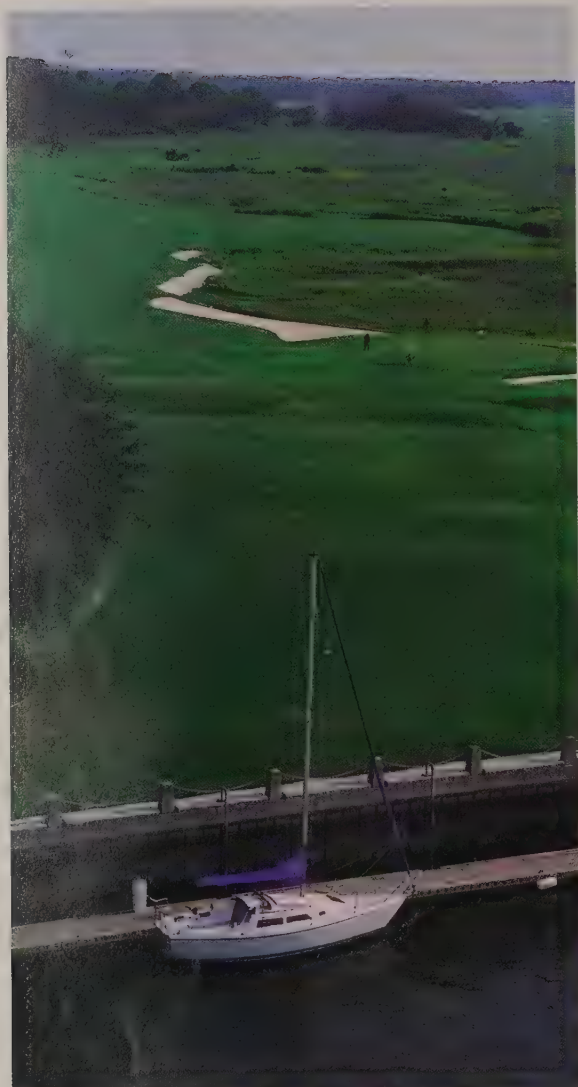
you ponder your dining choices. If you’re feeling a little bit fancy, head to Cafe Europa (843-671-3399), serving from late breakfast to dinner. Crazy Crab (843-363-2722) and Quarterdeck (843-671-2222) are fine spots for vittles with a view.

For a quick and casual bite morning or night, try Harbour Side Cafe (843-671-0403) or Harbour Town Deli (843-363-2021). Grab an ice cream cone at Cinnamon Bear Country Store or Scoops and walk the grounds or pull up a rocking chair. You’ll find provisions at the marina complex’s convenience store.

Nearby South Beach Marina presents a number of eating options: Land’s End Tavern (843-671-5456), Salty Dog Cafe (843-671-2233), Capt. John Braddock’s Galley (843-671-5199), and South Beach Deli (843-671-4406). If you’re staying at Palmetto Bay, go for the boaters’ favorite, Chart House (843-785-9666), or try Captain Woody’s (843-785-2400). Oysters are the specialty at the appropriately-named W.G. Shuckers (843-785-8050).

Shelter Cove guests know that it’s not just pasta at La Pola’s (843-842-6400) or Little Venice (843-785-3300). Other suggestions are San Miguel’s (843-842-4555), Kingfisher (843-785-4442), and PJ’s Incredible Edibles (843-842-5550). If you feel like dressing up for dinner, Harbourmaster (843-785-3030) serves every night except Sunday, as does the more casual Scott’s Fish Market (843-785-7575). Piggly Wiggly, just around the corner, can help stock your larder.

On Broad Creek, shell out a few bucks for a fine meal at the Old Oyster Factory (843-681-6040). Not far from there is



Hilton Head Island is a place to tie up and tee off. © Embassy

a Publix (843-689-9977) supermarket at Indigo Park, should you need to reprovision.

Navigation and Anchorages

Traveling south on the ICW

Enter Skull Creek, which borders Hilton Head Island to the west, just west of Fl G 2.5s 16ft 3M "3," near Dolphin Head. At about SM 553.3 the creek splits. There is a good anchorage with about 10 to 25 feet of water to the east of the marshes, along Seabrook Ledge. The ICW continues to the southwest of the marsh area. At about SM 554.8, you'll see Skull Creek Marina and Yacht Club on the eastern shore.

Continue south and you'll pass Hilton Head Harbor. At SM 557.6, a 65-foot-high fixed bridge connects Jenkins Island and Last End Point. The ICW curves to the south, along Ferry Point where you'll find a transient facility. At SM 559.7, the May River joins to the northwest. The ICW runs south into Calibogue Sound. There may appear to be an entrance to Broad Creek around SM 561.7, north of Fl G 4s 18ft 4M "31." This is not an entrance. The entrance to Broad Creek begins south of G "1."

From here, Harbour Town Yacht Basin sits to the south, with transient dock space. The ICW continues west, pick-up up the Cooper River north of the Fl 14s 47ft light on Haig Point.

Broad Creek

Stick to the markers when entering Broad Creek to avoid Calibogue Shoal. The creek is deep and well marked. You'll begin to see a host of transient facilities about 3nm upcreek.

From the sea

There are two entrances to Hilton Head Island from the Atlantic Ocean—one is safe, the other should only be used with local experience. The easiest route appears to be straight up Calibogue Sound, but shoaling has made the entrance hazardous. The safest route—though much longer—begins at Tybee Roads. Follow the well-marked channel into the Savannah River, pick up the ICW and follow it north to Hilton Head Island.

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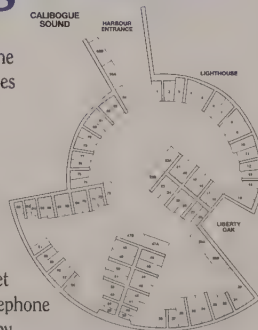
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The busy *Gallant Star* shrimp boat heads down the ICW in Georgia. © Embassy

Coastal Georgia has largely escaped the developer's bulldozer—you won't find miles of high-rise apartments or overly commercialized areas. What you will find is the quiet, awesome beauty of nature—miles of coastline fringed by marshes, serpentine rivers emptying into vast sounds, and uninhabited barrier islands.

While many people do live on or near the coast, residential communities are concentrated in two major areas: Savannah at the northern border and the Brunswick/Golden Isles area near the southern border. Tybee, Jekyll, St. Simons, and Sea islands—the only barrier islands that are developed—sport active communities. Most of the remaining barrier islands are private reserves or have been set aside by the state or federal government as sanctuaries. So unlike other parts of Georgia—such as Atlanta, which has experienced remarkable growth in recent years—much of the coast remains the same as it has been for centuries.

When entering the Intracoastal Waterway in Georgia, expect some of the highest tides in the United States. A strong wind out of the northeast will push more water in through the inlets and make the tides even higher. High tides can be deceptive, hiding mud banks and luring you away from the marked channel to a supposed shortcut. Low tides are similarly affected by winds. A strong west wind will push out more water and cause the tide to fall even lower than usual. The highest and lowest tides normally occur in October and November.

When on the ICW, plan your route ahead of time. During the frequent rainstorms of July and August, it's easy to become disoriented, and strong winds can make positioning difficult. If you've marked your chart, you won't have any trouble knowing where you are.

If you're following an offshore route, keep in mind that many of the inlets along Georgia's coast are shallow and difficult to navigate. Bars and breakers often reach far out into the Atlantic, and even in the best conditions, you're likely to encounter quite a chop. Opposing winds and tides can make your passage downright dangerous. In short, be prepared if you're approaching the Peach State from the ocean.

Savannah River to Ossabaw Island

When in **Fields Cut** (SM 575.4) you'll pass over the Georgia State Border. Exiting the Cut, you'll enter the Savannah River, leaving Fl R 4s 12ft 3M "50" to the north. Currents are swift at the mouth of Cut, and the river is busy with commercial traffic, especially at high tide. The ICW continues across the river, but if you're headed to downtown Savannah's riverfront, turn west when you exit Fields Cut, and follow the river's channel markers. There is dockage available in the center of downtown, but it's limited, and navigating the river may be difficult with strong currents and heavy commercial traffic.

While the city of Savannah is where you're drawn, it might be easier to continue down the ICW, which follows



A father and daughter admire the Jekyll Island Club. © Embassy

the Wilmington River, to **Thunderbolt**. South of the bridge, follow the clearly-marked, straightforward channel. On the west shore, south of QR 12ft 2M "30," lies Bonaventure Cemetery, featured in the best-selling novel *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*. It's one of the most picturesque sights on the coast. There are charted submerged pilings east of R "32," so be sure that you stay in the channel past G "33." You'll find docking facilities in Thunderbolt, just north of the Georgia Memorial Bridge (SM 582.5), with a fixed vertical clearance of 65 feet. Just south of the bridge (SM 583.1), you'll find the state-of-the-art, full-service Palmer Johnson repair facility and marina with all the dockside amenities. (*Refer to the Savannah/Thunderbolt Harbor Highlight for more information on this area and Turner Creek.*)

From Thunderbolt, follow the channel closely down the Wilmington River. South of R "38," the channel widens and presents few problems. At SM 585.5, give a wide berth to Fl R 4s 16ft 3M "40" as you enter the Skidaway River, which heads south. In the **Isle of Hope** area, there's a well-protected anchorage south of the marina on the western shore, near R "46A."

The next stop on the waterway is **Skidaway Island**, the site of several large, carefully planned golf communities. The passage between Isle of Hope and Skidaway Island is narrow and full of twists. Watch out for shoaling that occurs on the western side between R "50" and R "54." A no-wake speed is recommended in this area, especially at low tide in the Skidaway Narrows section, south of R "60." The Skidaway Narrows Bascule Bridge (SM 592.5) has a vertical clearance of 22 feet and opens on request. Just south of the bridge is a popular public boat ramp and manmade beach with a roped off section for swimming. Spring to fall, this area is a favorite for boaters and water skiers. Travel with caution through this area, as it is clogged with waterskiers and PWC users.

Once near Fl R 4s "74" (SM 594.6) at the tip of Marsh Island, you're at the entrance to Moon River, immortalized by songwriter and Savannah native Johnny Mercer. Although he described it as "wider than a mile," it isn't. It is navigable in a small boat, and anchoring is possible in 8 to 9 feet of water southwest of Marsh Island. Opposite G "77" is Vernon View, another picturesque suburb. This area is a No-Wake Zone. Stay close to the northern shore past Fl G 4s "79," and then move toward center channel. At this mark, the Burnside River runs into the Vernon River.

Ossabaw Island is one of the largest barrier islands in Georgia. When you pass this by you might catch a glimpse of the only natives: whitetail deer and wild hogs who frequently feed in the marshes. Egrets and herons pick their way cautiously along mud flats in search of minnows while rails, commonly called marsh hens, scurry along the banks. And don't be surprised if your passing vessel sends a whole flock of grackles winging through the air.

The waterway leaves the wide and deep Vernon River south of Fl R 4s 16ft 3M "86" (SM 600.8). Leave Fl G 4s "87" close to the east. **Hell Gate** is very narrow, so follow the markers closely until you pass QR 16ft 4M "92." Give this mark a wide berth before turning west into the **Ogeechee River**. Beware of Middle Marsh Island on the south side of the river, marked by Fl G 4s 12ft "93"—it's covered at high tide.

The current in the Ogeechee, one of Georgia's largest rivers, is quite swift, especially on the outgoing tide. Leave the Ogeechee at Fl R 4s 16ft 3M "98" (SM 605.8), and follow the ICW through **Florida Passage** where you'll want to stay in the middle of the channel. At the southern entrance to this passage, give R N "102" a wide berth to the west, and approach the Fl 4s 13ft range marker on the south shore before making a sharp westerly turn toward Fl R 4s 16ft "104" at the beginning of **Bear River**. Ossabaw Island is to the east.

If you'd like some time enjoying isolation, head west into Kilkenny Creek (SM 613.5), just south of Fl R 4s 12ft "106." Kilkenny Marina is located 1.5nm up Kilkenny Creek off the ICW. There are no markers in the creek, so contact the marina for up-to-date information.

St. Catherines Sound to Altamaha Sound

Cruising the mid-coast region of Georgia will provide you with a close-up view of Mother Nature's majesties. Because of the warm climate in this area of the South, the marsh grass grows year-round and the bird populations flourish. You're likely to see birds of prey circling overhead—any variety of hawk and even eagle—ready to swoop down on an unsuspecting victim.

South of Kilkenny be aware of shoaling between Fl R 4s 16ft "110" and Fl R 4s 16ft "112." There is a bar that sticks out between the markers, and you can easily run aground if you're cutting the channel too close.

St. Catherines Sound is generally exposed and fairly wide. This combination can make passage difficult for sail boats if a stiff wind is blowing. Try to time your passage with a moderate tide. During shrimping season, be careful of the shrimp boats—their major concern is their nets, not passing vessels. St. Catherines Island in the southeast corner of the sound is privately owned with limited visitation. It serves as a research site for the American Museum and the New York Zoological Society.

Accessing St. Catherines Sound from the Atlantic, enter between Fl R 2.5s R "2" and G C "3." Don't cut north of Fl R 2.5s R "2"—the area is shallow. Follow the marked channel toward Fl G (2+1) 6s 3M "C" marking **Middle Ground**. Keep this mark to the south and pick up the ICW at Fl R 4s 13ft 3M "114A."

South SM 620, you'll leave St. Catherines and enter the North **Newport River**. Travel very carefully between Fl G 4s 16ft "123" and R "124," because it gets shallow in the channel. The chart shows 8 feet at mlw, but our depth-sounder showed less. **Walburg Creek** extends to the east at R "124." If you can get over the 4-foot hump blocking the entrance to the creek, you can reach the anchorage from here. Otherwise you will have to approach from St. Catherines Sound.

At Fl G 4s 12ft "125" the ICW joins **Johnson Creek**, a narrow but deep passage that empties into **South Newport River** at G "133" (SM 629.3). Watch for shoaling on the eastern side between G "131" and G "131A." Shallow water extends off the point south of Fl R 4s 16ft 3M "132." The center of the channel has plenty of water except for the shoal to the west, between R "136" and QR 12ft 3M "138." Keep your eyes peeled for buoy changes around here. When we passed, QR 12ft 3M "138" was a small floating nun, so pay close attention.

The South Newport River leads you to **Sapelo Sound**, another wide body of water. Sapelo Sound is also the next feasible inlet if you're traveling the outside route. At RW C "S," turn to the west and follow the buoys. Be careful of **Experiment Shoal** which runs north of the channel the whole way in. The water is also shallow south of the channel, so follow the channel buoys until you reach the ICW at Q R "138."

If you're southbound on the ICW, continue south of QR "138" before making a turn to the west. Leave Fl R 2.5s 12ft 3M "140" and Fl R 4s 12ft 3M "142" well to the north as they mark the southern border of a shallow area. Keep Dog Hammock Spit to the south and enter Front River at Fl G 4s 16ft 4M "151."

Front River is narrow—beware of the submerged pilings on the western shore extending north of R "152." Hug the eastern side of the channel while passing R "154."

The next section of the ICW is narrow, so slow your speed. When exiting Creighton Narrows, **Crescent River** leads off to the west. With depths of 15 to 17 feet, this river provides a good place to drop a hook. Sapelo Island, site of several research facilities, sits to the east. Follow the markers carefully through Old Tea Kettle Creek. Between R "158" and R "160," hug the southeastern shore as the red markers denote the fringe of a sandbar containing remains of a wreck. Old Teakettle Creek empties into **Doboy Sound** at Fl G 4s "175" (SM 648.4). The inlet at Doboy Sound is narrow and it shoals, so if you're traveling the outside route, we suggest using the inlet at St. Simons Sound.

Continuing on the ICW, give QR "178" a wide berth to avoid the bar that juts out from the western shore, and continue into **North River**. The ICW continues into unmarked and narrow **Little Mud River**, which gets a little deeper until the point where Crooked Creek straggles off to the west. Here, the channel shallows to 7 to 8 feet, so slow down. Favor the outside of the turns where the water is a bit deeper.

At G "195" (SM 655.6) the ICW enters **Altamaha Sound**. Numerous bars and shallow spots dot the sound. The dredged area between R "194" and G "195" has strong currents and some shoals. From G "195," steer a straight course directly toward QR 12ft 3M "198." Keep well away from this buoy; if you try to cut it, you will surely run aground. The course then hairpins toward R "208" and heads through **Buttermilk Sound**.

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The first marine facilities in this area are on the northern tip of St. Simons Island. If you take the Hampton River, which departs east from the ICW south of R "222" (SM 664), a marina lies about 3nm upriver. There is a strong current, so exercise care when docking.

The ICW continues down the western fork at G "229" and enters the **Mackay River**. West of Fl G 4s 12ft "231," anchoring is possible in Wailys Leg. Entrance to the **Frederica River** is to the east of G "229." This passage takes you by Fort Frederica National Monument, where landing is prohibited. The river provides safe anchorage and reconnects with the waterway in Mackay River at Fl G 4s 12ft 4M "241."

On the route through the Mackay River, once you're past G "235A" (SM 670) move toward the western shore, and leave Fl G 4s 12ft "237" well to the east. There is a shoal to the west of R "238." South of R "242," you'll pass under a 65-foot-high fixed bridge connecting Lanier Island to the mainland. Just south of the bridge on the eastern side is a boat ramp, and on the western side, a small marina.

Be aware of a shallow area jutting off the southern tip of Lanier Island and continuing past Fl G 4s 12ft 4M "245A" and Fl G 6s 3M "247." There is as little as half a foot of water east of these buoys. There's access to a marina on Jekyll Island beyond the 65-foot fixed bridge over the Mackay River. Give

G "249," the turning buoy, a wide berth—it's located on top of a shoal. Leave Fl R 4s 12ft 3M "2" to starboard, and enter the channel. Consult the marina for further instructions.

Sea Island, another of the Golden Isles, is reached by causeway from St. Simons. Its surrounding waters are shallow, so we suggest getting a car at St. Simons and driving to the island. It's the site of The Cloister, an internationally acclaimed resort. The island is almost entirely residential and is renowned for its elegance and isolation.

Brunswick, on the north shore of the Brunswick River, was named for the German ancestral home of King George II, grantor of Georgia's original charter. The ICW then continues down the western shore of Jekyll Island. (Refer to *The Golden Isles Harbor Highlight* for more information on the inlet and this area.)

At Fl G 4s 12ft 4M "25" (SM 685.7), Jekyll Creek empties into **Jekyll Sound**. Give the markers a wide berth south of Jekyll Point, the southern tip of the island. Shoaling occurs here, especially on the east side between Fl G 2.5s 16ft 4M "29" and G C "29A." Once past the can, you're in **St. Andrews Sound**. Resist the temptation to cross the sound—follow the markers, making a hard southwesterly turn around Q R "32" to avoid Horseshoe Shoal. Passage through this area can be aggravated by a brisk wind and



Beautiful home on the ICW, north of Thunderbolt. © Embassy



Jekyll Island Marina serves as a peaceful backdrop while resting beneath the shade of a Georgia tree. © Embassy

strong tides. Slack water is the best time for crossing the sound into **Cumberland River**.

To the east is Cumberland Island, the largest of the barrier islands. The magnificent treasures of the island's wilderness have been protected from development since 1972 when it was established as a National Seashore. Sixteen miles long, Cumberland is the southernmost barrier island in Georgia's chain. It teems with wildlife: female loggerhead turtles come ashore here to lay eggs; herds of horses graze openly in the marsh and forest areas of the island; and wild turkeys and other birds, alligators, deer, mink, and otter also inhabit the island. If you're lucky, you'll witness this untamed atmosphere as you pass the island, but don't disrupt the wildlife by stopping.

Cumberland River is generally deep, and navigation is easy until you reach R "40" (SM 695.9). Leave it to the northwest to avoid a bar that juts out from the mainland. Enter **Cumberland Sound** around SM 708, between R "78" and G "79." This area may be a little tricky. Once in Cumberland Sound, keep greens to the west and reds to the east because you are now heading toward sea. The buoy numbers also change. After passing G "79," you'll swing south. The next pair of markers you will pass between are Fl G 2.5s G "51" to the west and Fl R 4s 16ft 4M "50" PA to the east. There is also a huge industrial plant

on the western shore, adding to the confusion. Reports of manatee sightings have been made from time to time.

Once past the plant, the channel is simple to follow. After passing between Fl R 4s R "30" and Fl G 4s G "31," make a sharp turn south to continue down the Intracoastal Waterway by way of the Amelia River into Florida.

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This nautical chart depicts the White Marsh Island area, featuring Dutch Island, Sylvan Island, and Wyly Island. The chart includes numerous navigational details such as soundings, depths, and bridge specifications. Key features include the Herd River, Bradley Creek, and Turners Creek. The chart is marked with various navigational aids and structures, including bridges and towers. The chart is oriented with North at the top, indicated by a compass rose.

Geographical Features:

- White Marsh Island:** The central landmass, with a north arrow pointing towards the top right.
- Dutch Island:** Located to the south of White Marsh Island.
- Sylvan Island:** Located to the west of Dutch Island.
- Wyly Island:** Located to the southwest of Sylvan Island.
- Herd River:** A large waterway flowing through the center of the chart.
- Bradley Creek:** A creek flowing into the Herd River from the east.
- Turners Creek:** A creek flowing into the Herd River from the south.
- Grays Creek:** A creek flowing into the Herd River from the north.
- Country Club Cr:** A creek flowing into the Herd River from the west.
- Wilmington Park:** Located to the southeast of the chart.

Navigational Details:

- Soundings:** Numerous depth soundings are provided throughout the chart, including "15 FT", "10 FT", "5 FT", "4 FT", "3 FT", "2 FT", "1 FT", "0 FT", "1 FT", "2 FT", "3 FT", "4 FT", "5 FT", "6 FT", "7 FT", "8 FT", "9 FT", "10 FT", "11 FT", "12 FT", "13 FT", "14 FT", "15 FT", "16 FT", "17 FT", "18 FT", "19 FT", "20 FT", "21 FT", "22 FT", "23 FT", "24 FT", "25 FT", "26 FT", "27 FT", "28 FT", "29 FT", "30 FT", "31 FT", "32 FT", "33 FT", "34 FT", "35 FT", "36 FT", "37 FT", "38 FT", "39 FT", "40 FT", "41 FT", "42 FT", "43 FT", "44 FT", "45 FT", "46 FT", "47 FT", "48 FT", "49 FT", "50 FT", "51 FT", "52 FT", "53 FT", "54 FT", "55 FT", "56 FT", "57 FT", "58 FT", "59 FT", "60 FT", "61 FT", "62 FT", "63 FT", "64 FT", "65 FT", "66 FT", "67 FT", "68 FT", "69 FT", "70 FT", "71 FT", "72 FT", "73 FT", "74 FT", "75 FT", "76 FT", "77 FT", "78 FT", "79 FT", "80 FT", "81 FT", "82 FT", "83 FT", "84 FT", "85 FT", "86 FT", "87 FT", "88 FT", "89 FT", "90 FT", "91 FT", "92 FT", "93 FT", "94 FT", "95 FT", "96 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James Edward Oglethorpe rounded up 35 families and set sail from England in 1732 aboard the vessel *Ann*. Oglethorpe had in hand a charter from King George for Georgia, the thirteenth colony, named in honor of the King.

Oglethorpe designed Savannah in grid style, with streets diverted around squares. Today those squares are filled with moss-bearded live oaks, refreshing fountains, and inviting benches. The atmosphere lets everyone in the city take life at a slower, more deliberate pace and gives Savannah the basis of its character and charm. Coupled with the ongoing renovation and restoration of the Historic District, Savannah is a beautiful city where southern hospitality is truly extended to visitors.

"Rediscovered" in the late 90s, thanks to the best-selling book and movie *Midnight In the Garden of Good and Evil*, Savannah is reveling in the tourism limelight. Your first stop in town should be the Savannah Visitors Center (912-944-0455), where you'll find a barrage of brochures inviting you to experience the "Hostess City of the South."

For a brief background lesson, stop into the Savannah History Museum (912-238-1779), located at the Visitors Center. Then hop aboard any one of the tour buses, trolleys or carriages departing from there. Each tour company offers a variety of tours depending on how much time you have and what you're interested in seeing.

Embassy Guides

Dozens of other restored houses, some of which are open for tours, dot the streets of Savannah. The Davenport House (912-236-8097), a brick federal, was close to destruction in 1954 when a group of dedicated women saved it. This marked the beginnings of the Historic Savannah Foundation, which has since saved many historic buildings and is the basis of the current preservation effort.

Every year Girl Scouts from all over the country make the pilgrimage to Savannah to visit the birthplace of their founder, Juliette Gordon Low. The house, officially known as the Wayne-Gordon House or Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace (912-233-4501), has been refurbished to the style of the 1800s and is owned by the Girl Scouts of the USA. Girl Scouts can continue their tour by visiting the Andrew Low House (912-233-6854), where in 1912, Juliette Gordon Low formed the first Girl Scout troop in the United States. The mansion, built in 1848 by Andrew Low, is an example of classical mid-1800s design and has been restored and furnished in the classical style.



Savannah's Waving Girl statue. © Embassy

The Telfair Mansion and Art Museum (912-232-1177) and the Owens-Thomas House and Museum (912-233-9743), both owned by the Telfair Academy of Arts & Sciences, were designed by architect William Jay in the early 19th century. Besides housing exemplary art exhibits, these two houses are prime examples of English Regency and neoclassical Regency architecture.

Of course, there are tons of shops in Savannah—the most tourist-oriented of which line River Street, bordering the Savannah River. All of the cobblestone along Factors Walk and the River Street area is made out of stone ballast from merchant ships in the 1800s. Instead of dumping these stones into the river and causing shoaling problems, Savannahians used them to create smoother roads and walls. While strolling down River

Street, pay a visit to the statue of the Waving Girl, Florence Martus, who waved a dish towel by day and lantern at night for 45 years to all ships approaching and leaving Savannah. Legend has it that she was awaiting her long lost love.

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Eye-catching homes are a common sight in Savannah's Historic District. © Embassy

Restaurants and Provisions

No matter which dining establishment you choose in Savannah, you can't go wrong. 45 South (912-233-1881) offers a distinguished dining experience replete with an impressive wine list. The Pirates' House (912-233-5757), established in 1753, will delight the whole family. Nibble on some tasty treats while hearing tales of the infamous underground tunnel leading from the restaurant to the waterfront.

Dine along the historic waterfront at River House Seafood (912-234-1900) for the ultimate in fresh seafood. The Shrimp Factory (912-236-4229) serves up shrimp by the dozen as well as other delicious seafood specialties. Dockside Seafood Restaurant & Steakhouse (912-236-9253) on River Street will satisfy everyone in your party with choices from salad to pasta and steak and seafood.

Choices in the Historic District are virtually unlimited. Churchill's Pub (912-232-8501) caters to the pub seekers with traditional British fare and full bar. Il Pasticchio (912-231-8888) will tantalize your taste buds with authentic

Italian cuisine served in an art deco setting. In the mood for something eclectic and wonderful? Try Chutzpah & Panache (912-234-5007) for well, just that.

Over at the City Market, start your day off with a splash of coffee at Cordray's Coffee Cove (912-236-3371), featuring exotic coffees and mouth-melting pastries. Nearby, Season's (912-233-2626) serves up Southern cuisine with a Mediterranean twist. Take the family to the Lady and Sons (912-233-2600) for plum-good southern style cuisine.

Navigation and Anchorages Savannah River

At Fl R 4s 12ft 3M "20" (SM 575.6), you'll leave Fields Cut and enter the Savannah River. The ICW crosses the river to the west-southwest and picks up the Wilmington River.

The city of Savannah is about 8nm upriver. While there is space available at the city waterfront, docking is made difficult by tidal ranges and swift currents. You'll be better off crossing the Savannah River and heading south down the ICW to Thunderbolt. Here, you'll find a host of transient-friendly facilities, and all provide easy access to Savannah.

Savannah River to Thunderbolt

You'll make your way toward Thunderbolt by cutting southwest across Savannah River, and through Elba Island Cut. Keep alert as the current can be a little strong around here, and shoaling occurs.

The ICW briefly picks up the St. Augustine Creek before flowing into the Wilmington River, which is an easy cruise to Thunderbolt. If you're looking for a place to drop anchor, St. Augustine Creek is deep with decent holding ground. This used to be part of the original ICW (see the Old Route).

Thunderbolt is located around SM 582.5, just southeast of Savannah. Its marinas, including Tidewater Boat Works, provide easy access to the southern city. You'll pass under the Georgia Memorial Bascule Bridge, which remains open, and the 65-foot-high fixed bridge right at Thunderbolt.

Turner Creek

At SM 585.5, the ICW continues down the western fork and Skidaway River. Follow the Wilmington River to the east and you'll be brought to Turner Creek and a handful of facilities.

You'll have to negotiate under a pair of fixed bridges, the first with 35 feet of clearance and the second with 34 feet.

Once past Bradley Flat, Turner Creek runs into the St. Augustine Creek. Head southeast into Bull River and just past the 20-foot-high fixed bridge is Bull River Marina. It is best to obtain local knowledge when transiting Turner Creek—shoaling is not uncommon.

The Old Route

South of R "8" in Elba Island Cut, the unmarked St. Augustine Creek meanders to the Bull River, about 1.7nm to the southeast. Turn southwest into Turners Creek, or southeast into Bull River where you'll pass Screvens Point. You'll reach a 20-foot-high fixed bridge with the Bull River Marina just beyond that.

If you can't make it under the bridge, there is a second access to Bull River Marina via the Atlantic Ocean and Wassaw Sound. While the river holds between 14 and 40 feet of water, its mouth is bordered by shallow areas comprising Wassaw Sound. Stick to the markers at the entrance. Bull River Marina, about 5.7nm upriver.

The old ICW continued from Screvens Point is to the southwest down Turner Creek, and past Bradley Flat. Southwest of Battery Point you'll pass under two fixed bridges, with 34 and 35 feet of vertical clearance, respectively. A handful of transient facilities are found near the mouth of Turner Creek.

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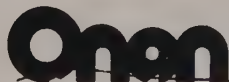
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This is a detailed nautical chart of the Brunswick, Georgia area, showing the city, Brunswick Pt, and St Simons Island. The chart includes numerous navigational details such as soundings, bearings, and landmarks. Key features include the Brunswick River, Little River, and the St Simons Island Airport. The chart is marked with various numbers and letters, likely indicating specific locations or hazards. A compass rose is visible in the lower right corner.

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Legend has it that once the sand of the Golden Isles is in your shoes, you'll forever wish to return. St. Simons, the largest and northernmost of the Golden Isles, has maintained its captivating character. During the Revolutionary War, the island's prized hard-oak timbers were milled for use in warship construction. The U.S.S. *Constitution*, a.k.a. Old Ironsides, was made from this wood.

Time really slows down on Jekyll Island, and visitors enjoy every stretched-out minute. Jekyll is a great place to “Hyde” out—but you don’t have to worry that it’ll change its personality on you. This place is consistently calm and pretty, a blend of swaying palms, moss-draped oaks, and golden beach. American tycoons of the late 19-century (such as Rockefeller, Pulitzer, Morgan and McCormick) bought the

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4	Jekyll Historic Marina 912-635-3152	16		2		Y	30	3	3	F	★30				GD		I	R		PR	MV
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6	Cradle's Complete Marine 912-261-1935	16	68	3	2	Y	50	6.5	6.5	F	★▲50	DL	L20	All			MBL	RS		P	All

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island as an exclusive retreat in 1886. In 1887, an elegant clubhouse was built, followed by lovely, large "cottages" that formed what is now the historic district.

On the mainland, the quiet port city of Brunswick emits a decidedly English flavor that you won't find in other Georgia towns. While you're in this shrimping mecca, admire the massive oaks and Victorian architecture, and don't forget to try some famous Brunswick Stew. Vast stretches of marshland, called the Marshes of Glynn, surround the Golden Isles and Brunswick. Georgia's 19th century poet Sidney Lanier paid tribute to the area's astonishing beauty in his work *The Marshes of Glynn*.

What to See and Do

The St. Simons Transit Co. (912-635-3152) offers dolphin trips, shrimp trawling, and sunset cruises. Their water taxi service includes lunch, shopping, and dinner trips between St. Simons and Jekyll islands.

Climb to the top of St. Simons Lighthouse for a gull's-eye view of the surrounding patterns of blue and green. The island is the perfect launching spot for a kayak. You can choose a guided tour, anywhere from two hours to several days, with SouthEast Adventure Outfitters (912-265-5292). Head to Sea Palms Golf & Tennis Resort (912-638-3351) to engage in the pastimes included in its name.

At 9 miles by 1.5 miles, Jekyll Island is easily covered on two wheels; bicycles are available at Jekyll Harbor Marina. The island's 20 miles of paved paths are great for pedaling, skating or nature walking. Horses are the rule at Victoria's (912-635-9500), where you can get a carriage ride or spend some time in the saddle.

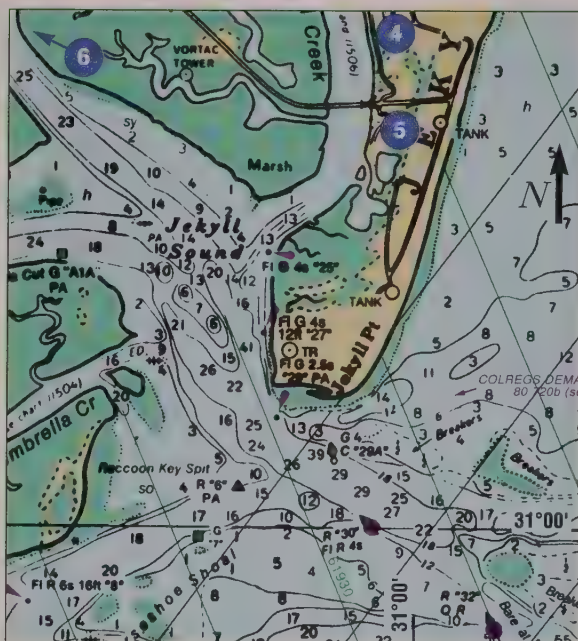
Set yourself up for some tennis action at the clay courts of Jekyll Island Tennis Center (912-635-3154) or the Jekyll Island Hotel (912-635-2600), with one indoor and eight outdoor courts. Contact the Jekyll Island Welcome Center (912-635-3636) for more information on activities.

No matter where in this vicinity you find yourself, the beach is always at hand. Grab a book, a towel, and some sunscreen, and you've found the ideal way to watch the afternoon go by.

Restaurants and Provisions

When you find yourself with a monstrous appetite, Jekyll Island is the place to be. The mealtime experience in the Jekyll Island Club Hotel's Grand Dining Room (912-635-2600, ext. 1002) is like going back in time. The casually-attired can feast on breakfast and lunch, but at dinnertime the dress is more formal—men must wear jackets. At Jekyll Inn, the Italian Fisherman (912-635-2531) spreads out a breakfast buffet in the morning and serves Italian dishes and seafood at dinnertime.

SeaJay's Waterfront Cafe (912-635-3200), at the Jekyll Harbor Marina, is known for their nightly Lowcountry Boil buffet. They've also got live entertainment on the



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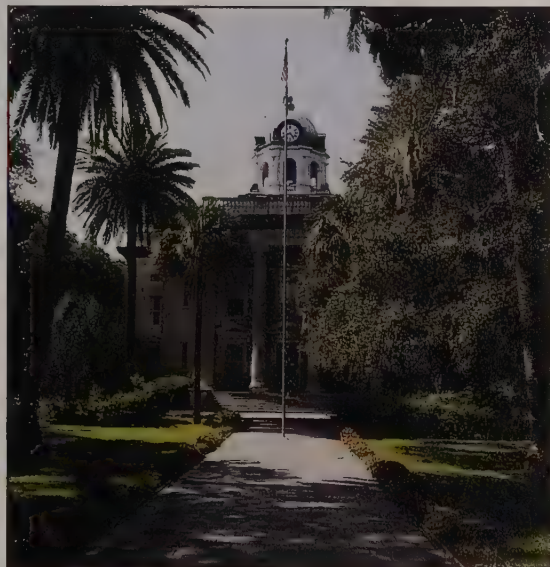
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Information for Northbound Yachts

After rounding "R20" in St. Simons sound on your port side, proceed on an approximate course of 350 degrees magnetic inbound putting green "249" on your PORT side and red "2" on your STARBOARD side. You should split the middle of the two markers with your bow lined up on a pair of vertical red and white range markers. Proceed to the first range marker which places you south of the marina. Leave the front range to port and proceed toward green "5", keeping it to port, then proceed toward the marina.

Information for Southbound Yachts

Proceed down the west side of Lanier Island through the 65' fixed bridge over the Mackay River following your ICW markers. Keep green markers "245", "245A", "247" & "249" on your PORT side. Green "249" is the turning buoy for entrance to Golden Isles Marina and is located on the tip of the shoal that runs off of Lanier Island. Round "249" to port and you will pick up a red "2" which marks the starboard entrance to our channel. Pick up the red and white vertical range markers on your bow (approximately 350 degrees magnetic) and come in on them. Upon reaching the front range marker leave it to port and proceed toward green "5", keeping it to port, then proceed on toward the marina.

menu Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. For supplies, you'll find a grocery store and pharmacy about half a mile from Jekyll Harbor Marina.

Get a steak or seafood dinner from the Dockside Grill (912-638-4100) at Golden Isles Marina on St. Simons. Another favorite in the complex is the St. Simons Brewing Company (912-638-0011), which boasts a fantastic water view. Any musicians on board should take note of the Island Rock Cafe (912-638-0245), where you'll get a side order of rock and roll memorabilia and live entertainment. Those who prefer ambience to amps will be better off at the Sea Island Golf Club (912-638-5154), for upscale luncheon and dinner in a lovely antebellum plantation setting. Crab Happy & Co. offers all-you-can-eat snow and blue crabs at their locations in St. Simons (912-634-8899) and Brunswick (912-280-0050).

Navigation and Anchorages From the north

The ICW lazily meanders south along the Makay River. At Fl G 4s 12ft "241" (SM 673.4) the river splits around Lanier Island. The eastern fork is deep, but you're confronted with a 9-foot-high fixed bridge. The bridge blocks your access to transient marina just to its south. To get there, you'll have to continue down the ICW, along the western shore of Lanier Island.

At SM 674.2 you'll pass under the 65-foot-high fixed bridge. To reach the marina on Lanier Island's eastern shore you'll need to continue south. A dangerously shallow area extends from the island to Fl G 6s 3M "247." Keep this mark to your east and head toward Fl R 4s 12ft 3M "2." Pick up the range that will take you north-north-west, avoiding the shoaled water. When at the Q 12ft range light, head for G "5." The marina is just northeast. you'll notice a designated anchorage on Lanier Island's eastern shore—while holding ground is OK, currents can rip through here.

St. Simons Sound Entrance

If you're coming down the Atlantic coast, enter St. Simons Sound at Mo(A) WHISTLE RW "STS." This is the beginning of the Brunswick Harbor-Bar Channel, which has a controlling depth of 30 feet. Between QG BELL G "13" and QR "14" the Bar Channel takes more of a westerly turn, becoming Plantation Creek Range, and empties into St. Simons Sound.

St. Simons Sound

From Fl G 2.5s "249" south of Lanier Island, you can head east, out to sea, or continue southeast to QR "20" and follow the ICW. From Q R "20," keep south of Fl R 4s R "22" as a visible shallow area sits to the north—although it shouldn't cause problems. From here, continue southwest on the ICW, which runs into Jekyll Creek. The Brunswick River takes off to the west, leading to Brunswick.



Time for a spot of croquet at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel. © Embassy

Brunswick

The main channel to Brunswick is very wide, and not challenging. There is a lift bridge with a closed clearance of 24 feet, about 1nm west-northwest of Fl R 4s R "26" and Fl G 2.5s G "27." The Brunswick River then takes off to the west and the East River departs to the north, between Brunswick

and Andrews Island. The Brunswick Landing Marina with all of its amenities sits on the western shore.

Jekyll Creek

The creek is very narrow with mud flats on both sides, but it poses no real problems. At SM 684.3, you'll come to a lift bridge (vertical clearance: 9 feet when down, 85 feet when raised).

Note: A 65-foot fixed bridge is now under construction south of this charted bridge.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

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9	Half Moon Marina*	912-884-5819	16		5	Y	100	14	14	F	★▲50			PGDWF	GD	Tex	MGI	RSP		P	MV	
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Your journey along Florida's Intracoastal Waterway begins with picturesque Fernandina Beach and its shrimp boat fleet. © Embassy

While cruising down Florida's portion of the Intracoastal Waterway (or ICW), there's a recurring thought about this country's history—we've come so far in so little time. While Florida is the oldest part of the New World, it has only been a part of the United States for slightly more than 170 years. In a geological perspective—one that puts most of Florida under the sea several times over the last 100 million years—170 years is but a short, quick breath.

It is fitting that Florida's Cape Canaveral is home to NASA, which rockets us forward in time and continues to explore new worlds. This same pioneering spirit enabled Florida's first settlers to envision a modern tropical paradise in the swamps they found. Perhaps while cruising along Florida's coast, you too will be consumed by this spirit and inspired to do some exploring of your own.

Cruising conditions along the ICW are generally sufficient for average cruising vessels, but just like the landscape of Florida, these conditions are subject to change. Stay informed of the currents and the most recently dredged depths as you travel. Tides in the ICW can range from 1 to 7 feet, and currents normally run at about 2 knots, increasing to 4 knots at inlets.

Bridges are always a potential navigational inconvenience for Florida cruisers. Between Fernandina and Coconut Grove, there are more than 80 bridges to contend with. Vessels are required to signal for the opening of a bridge, if it needs to be opened. Hail the bridgetender on VHF 9, or use

a horn signal. The horn signal consists of one prolonged blast of four to six seconds, followed by one short blast. Refer to **Embassy's Bridge Index** at the front of this book for detailed information on location and openings.

Cruising Florida's east coast gives you the opportunity to see change as it happens, to experience events that will undoubtedly shape our country's future. The modern architecture and ever-expanding skyline of Florida's coastal cities makes us feel far less removed from our history than we usually consider ourselves. At the same time, some of the Spanish-influenced styles found in the cities, and Native American artifacts at museums and historical societies remind us that our history is shared with the histories of other cultures and that indeed we were not the first to discover the splendor of Florida.

The First Coast: St. Marys River to Tomoka Basin

You leave Georgia's waters and enter those of the Sunshine State when you cross the St. Marys River and **Cumberland Sound**. From the shipping channel in Cumberland Sound, head south after passing Fl G 4s G "31," and pick up the Amelia River channel between Q G "1" and Fl R 2.5s R "2" (SM 714.3). The naturally deep, well-marked channel leads past Fernandina Beach. If you're arriving from the Atlantic, the St. Marys Entrance is deep and well marked. (Refer to the **Fernandina Beach Harbor Highlight** for more information on the town and the inlet.)



It seems that everything is on the rise in Jacksonville. © Embassy

Heading toward Nassau Sound, you'll cut through a serene stretch of the ICW. At SM 724.9, you'll reach **Amelia City**, which is actually more of a small town. Not even the sight of a marina will distract from your enjoyment of this desolate cruise—because there aren't any.

As you continue south, use extreme caution between Fl R 4s 12ft 3M "44" and Q R 3M "46A." Shoaling has drastically reduced water depth and narrowed the channel's width along this stretch, making it difficult for two boats to pass. South of Fl R 4s 12ft 3M "44" some uncharted navigational aids have been added to assist you. It's best to time your journey through here at high tide. Be sure to keep Q R 3M "46A" (now a buoy) well to your west before turning southwest and continuing along the ICW.

If you're looking for a nice place to anchor, swing to the east at Fl R 4s 16ft 3M "72" and into the **Fort George River** (SM 735). You'll probably find you aren't the only one yearning for a nice anchorage—Fort George River is one of the nicest (and most popular) anchorages around. Hug the southern side of the river between G "3" and G "5" for good holding and deep water.

From SM 735, the narrow channel in Sisters Creek leads south until it empties into the **St. Johns River** at SM 739.5. While the ICW cuts across the river and continues between Fl G "1" and R "2," you can head west toward Jacksonville and a host of transient facilities, or head east to St. Johns River Entrance.

It's about 23.5sm to the Main Street Bridge in downtown **Jacksonville**, where you'll find a host of marine facilities. The St. Johns River is well marked, with generous depths for large cargo ships. The only complicating factor for cruising boaters (other than traffic) is the significant tidal current running from the mouth of the river all the way to Jacksonville. The **St. Johns River Entrance** is one of the best inlets on Florida's coast, and definitely the best in the northern half of the state. The breakwaters extend well out into deep water and the well-marked channel can be approached from any direction. The only time boats might

have trouble is during, and just following, extremely heavy winds when currents run across the entrance's mouth.

In order to get back to the ICW, backtrack to where Sisters Creek meets the St. Johns River, and head south through Pablo Creek. This section of ditch is narrow but manageable, cutting past Jacksonville Beach and Palm Valley Landing before meeting up with the headwaters of the Tolomato River, at around SM 760. The scenery runs the gamut, from the business-oriented shores of Jacksonville Beach to the preserved natural state of the Tolomato. Markers are infrequent until you reach Fl G 4s 16ft 4M "3" (SM 760.5).

At SM 764.1, the river winds around what was a peninsula, now known as **Pine Island**. A dredged channel cuts straight through the peninsula, but the oxbow path of the river is open to exploring, gunkholing or anchoring. There has been some reported shoaling at this northern entrance, so you're better off heading east into the river south of G "25."

The **Tolomato River** is well marked and deep, as it takes you toward St. Augustine. Navigating the **St. Augustine** area is fairly straightforward, aside from a few shoaling areas around the inlet's mouth. While the Coast Guard has approved St. Augustine Inlet for navigation, many still choose to enter the ICW at the St. Johns Entrance and make their way south. While excellent in fair weather, the inlet is prone to shoaling problems and can suffer from severe chop when the wind fights against an ebbing tide. Also, dangerous shoals run about 1sm seaward of the inlet's mouth. (Refer to the **St. Augustine Harbor Highlight** for more information.)

From St. Augustine to Daytona, the scenery will remind you of that around Fernandina Beach. It's difficult to find a more beautiful stretch of the ICW, and equally difficult to find facilities in this area. So if you missed the marinas at St. Augustine, you won't find any until you reach Daytona Beach.

The Space Coast: Ormond Beach to Melbourne

If the Space Coast wasn't named for the space exploration at NASA, it may have been named for the vast waterways that define it—Tomoka Basin, Halifax River, Mosquito Lagoon and Indian River—which offer a lot of, well, space.

Before you settle in to your peaceful surroundings, stay alert around **Fort Matanzas**—this area keeps the tow services in business. Extreme shoaling in the channel exists at SM 792.4, just south of Fl R 4s 12ft 3M "82" near the northern end of Rattlesnake Island. It is actually possible to run aground within the channel. Locals advise hugging the western shore while passing G C "81A" and "81B." Navigate through this spot at mid-tide or higher and maintain slow speed. As for **Matanzas Inlet**, consider that local boaters with extensive knowledge of the area seldom use the inlet.

The ICW poses no problems or challenges as you continue south. If you're in need of a rest, **Daytona Beach** (SM

830) does its best to accommodate visitors, offering several marine facilities. (*Refer to the **Daytona Harbor Highlight** for more information.*)

After passing through Daytona Beach, you'll be surprised how easily the ICW changes into the more serene, less populated area of **New Smyrna**. Sprinkled with residential outcroppings, this area is certainly a change of pace from Daytona.

The next large body of water you'll encounter as you head south is **Mosquito Lagoon**, which begins around SM 855. While this is certainly an enjoyable trip, with probably the most pristine water you'll encounter on your journey, you'll travel more than 30nm without a stop for fuel. This area is part of the **Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge** and doesn't have any facilities.

From Fl G 4s 12ft "5" (SM 857), it's a straight ditch until you approach the **Haulover Canal**. At R "44," the smooth-flowing channel takes a 90-degree westerly turn into the canal. Haulover Canal Bridge (SM 869) is a single bascule bridge with a vertical clearance of 25 feet and it opens on request. Once you emerge from the canal, the channel continues straight—aim for the large, white industrial plant on the western shore.

Titusville sits on the western shore, surrounding the 9-foot-high swing bridge at SM 878.6. Your best bet for a slip here is Titusville Municipal Marina. South of Titusville the Indian River opens to its widest point, extending like a lake to the east. From here to Cocoa, the river remains vast, narrowing as you head south. Don't be tempted to stray from the channel—depths to either side are shallow.

It's straight ditch all the way to Fl G 4s 12ft "67" (SM 893.6) where the entrance to the **Canaveral Barge Canal** opens up to the east. The ICW continues to the south. The entrance to the canal is well marked, beginning between Fl G 4s 12ft "67" and G "13." From here, the canal cuts through Merritt Island, across the Banana River, through the locks at Cape Canaveral and into the ocean. The Canaveral Barge Canal and Inlet offers the safest and most reliable passage to the Atlantic north of Fort Pierce and south of Jacksonville. If you're approaching the Canaveral Barge Canal from the ocean, you'll find excellent depths up to a few hundred yards offshore near Fl G 2.5s "11." The inlet is wide and normally calm, with a small stone breakwater extending from its southern shore. Along the canal, you'll have your choice of several transient facilities.

Where the barge canal meets the **Banana River**, at Fl G "5," you can continue east toward the inlet, or turn north or south into the river. The northern option is limited due to a Manatee Zone and NASA restrictions, and traveling south on the Banana River can be troublesome with shallow water.



This area around Fort Matanzas keeps the tow companies in business—try to pass at high tide.
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If you remain in the ICW, Cocoa lies just south, recognizable by the large water tower adorned with an enormous painted American flag. The town is connected to Merritt Island by twin fixed bridges (vertical clearance: 65 feet). On the east side of the bridge you'll find Indian Cove Marina and Scorpion Marine.

There are two feasible approaches to Melbourne where facilities, including Waterline Marina, are plentiful and spread out along each shore of the Indian River. Heading south from Port Canaveral in the Banana River, you'll find adequate depths, but little in the way of navigational assistance. We suggest sticking to the ICW, which is deeper and certainly better marked.

The Treasure Coast: Sebastian to Jupiter

The ICW to Sebastian remains straight, with occasional doglegs, and deep water from Palm Bay south. Beginning with R "32" (SM 928.5) the channel zig-zags south to **Sebastian**, approaching the western shore more and more along the way. East of Fl G 4s 16ft "63" (SM 936.3) lies the **Sebastian Inlet**, considered by Coast Guard and cruiser alike to be the most dangerous inlet in Florida. Currents can reach up to 10 knots, and the bridge that spans the opening has a vertical clearance of only 37 feet. Take our advice—steer clear of it. (Then again, if you're a snook fisherman, it doesn't get much better.) To the west of R "66" (SM 937.8), you'll find some transient facilities.

Despite the conspicuous power plant, developments and bridges that arise from its shores, the next town, **Vero Beach**, has all the appeal of Smalltown, USA. Vero Beach sits on the western shore, but the marinas are in a cove to the east. To reach the cove, turn east between Fl G 4s "137" (SM 951.7) and G "139," just north of the Merrill Barber Fixed

Bridge (vertical clearance: 65 feet) at SM 951.8. (*Refer to the **Vero Beach Harbor Highlight** for more information.*)

South of Vero Beach, the ICW zig-zags slightly until you reach Fl G 4s 12ft "167" (SM 958.1) where it straightens out. Once past the Fort Pierce Bascule Bridge (vertical clearance: 26 feet when closed) at SM 964.8, you'll begin to feel the effects of the currents coming in from the **Fort Pierce Inlet**. Although it can get rough through here, this is the inlet of choice for boaters from miles around. This area of the ICW is lined with marinas willing and able to accommodate transients. There is also a pair of anchorages in the area—in Faber Cove, south of Causeway Island, and to the west of Coon Island as you enter Fort Pierce Inlet.

Approach the inlet at SM 965.7, about midway between Fl G 4s "185" and the P.P. Cobb South Fixed Bridge (vertical clearance: 65 feet). The well-marked, deepwater channel runs close to 2.6sm to the Atlantic. Coming from sea, there are no significant landmarks to lead you into Fort Pierce, save for several condominiums and a high density of homes. When you're coming in from this direction, head for Fl R 4s WHISTLE "2" at the inlet's entrance.

South of Fort Pierce, the **Indian River** remains quite wide, running along the extensive Hutchinson Island all the way to the town of Jensen Beach. **Stuart**, northwest of the ICW on the **St. Lucie River**, is perhaps the turning point from the vast open waters of the Indian River to the ports farther south that are constantly on the move. The boat traffic along this stretch is dense and diverse. Perhaps the strongest evidence that Stuart is, indeed, a turning point is the sheer number of marinas. There are nearly 30 crammed into the St. Lucie River and its tributaries.

From Q R 3M "236" (SM 987.1) to Fl R 2.5s 13ft 3M R "4" (SM 988.2) the ICW runs straight across the **Crossroads**—where the ICW, St. Lucie Inlet and St. Lucie River meet. Heavy currents and shoaling are common here. Aids are periodically changed, removed or added in and around the Crossroads and the St. Lucie Inlet. This makes it difficult for anyone to keep up-to-date charts. Contact a local dockmaster, SeaTow or TowBoat/U.S. for current advice in this region.

You'll enter the St. Lucie River to reach Stuart's marinas or if you're on your way to the **Okeechobee Waterway**. Once in the river, south of R "6" is the entrance to **Manatee Pocket**—a hideaway loaded with marine facilities. Channel

buoys for Manatee Pocket are not charted because they constantly change. Continue upriver and then south into South Fork to head toward a handful of marinas and the beginning of the Okeechobee Waterway.

As you continue down the coast, **Hobe Sound** offers calm waters surrounded by a wild background. The 10,200-acre park and wildlife refuge here is one of the largest and best natural preserves in Florida. Since "natural" is the operative word, Hobe Sound offers little in the way of manmade entertainment and, likewise, marine facilities are scarce.

Around SM 1002, Hobe Sound ends and **Jupiter Sound**

begins. At the southern tip of Jupiter Island, you'll see Jupiter Inlet to the east, while the entrance to the Loxahatchee River sits to the west. Boaters who are unfamiliar with the area should not attempt to use Jupiter Inlet—shoaling almost always makes the buoys obsolete, and only immediate local knowledge can remedy the situation. Contact the Jupiter Inlet District Commission (561-746-2223) for up-to-date information.

Heading from Jupiter to Lake Worth along the ICW, take care not to confuse the markers at the entrance to **Loxahatchee River** (SM 1005.1) with the those of the ICW. A good waterway to explore by small boat, dinghy, canoe or kayak, the river is used mainly by fishermen and wildlife explorers.

The river begins beneath the fixed State Route A1A Bridge (vertical clearance: 25 feet) and the Florida

East Coast Railroad Bridge (vertical clearance: 4 feet when closed). The railroad span remains open unless a train is passing.

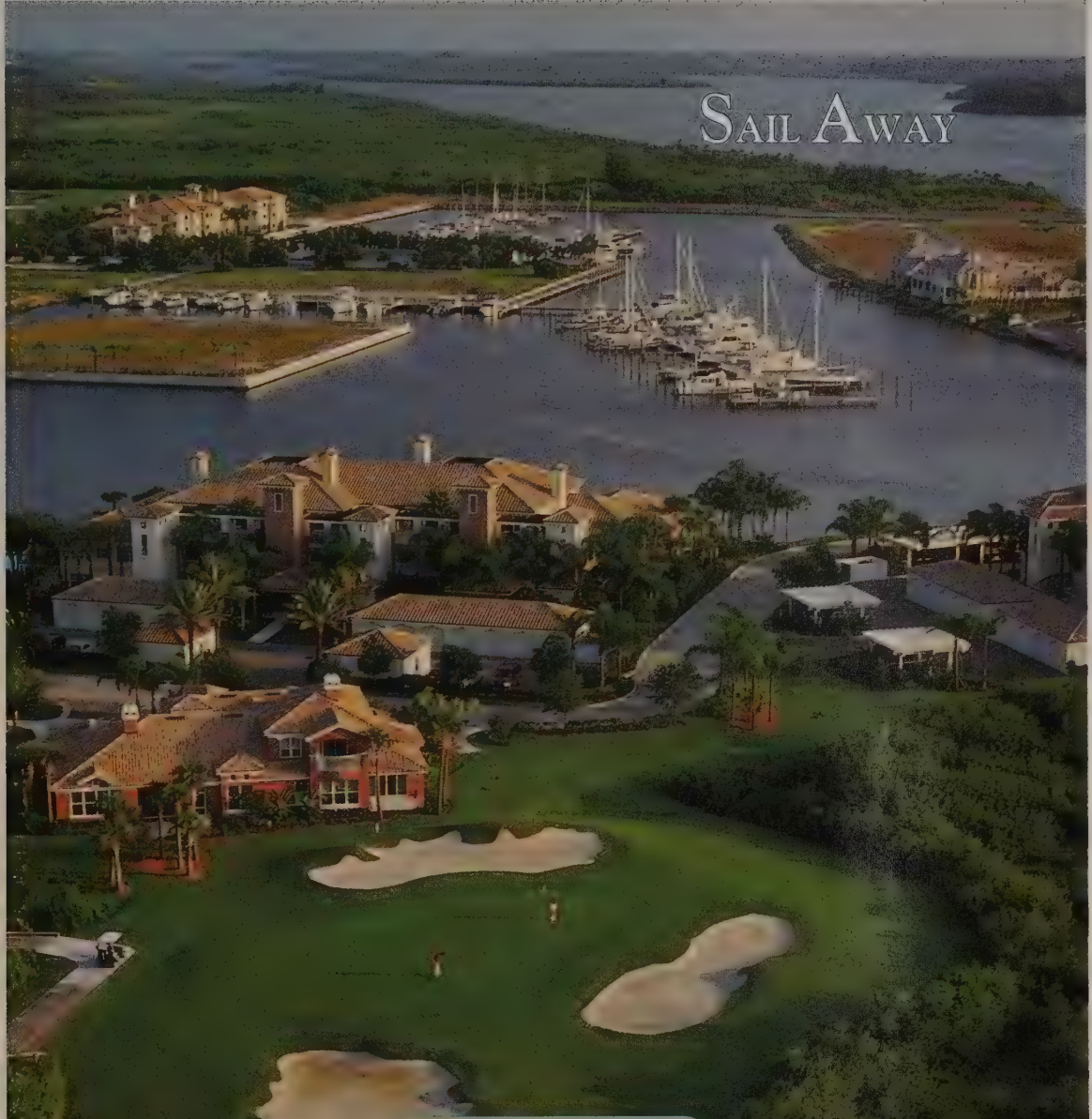
The Gold Coast: Palm Beach to Coconut Grove

From the northern end of Lake Worth, which begins around SM 1014.1, the ICW is fairly straightforward. The waters here are wide, and you'll see local boaters flying around outside the channel, but stick to the ICW. You can diverge from the ICW south of the Blue Heron Boulevard Fixed Bridge (SM 1017.2) with 65 feet of clearance, and head east toward the Lake Worth Inlet or **Singer Island** where you'll find marinas. (*Refer to the **Palm Beaches Harbor Highlight** for more information.*)

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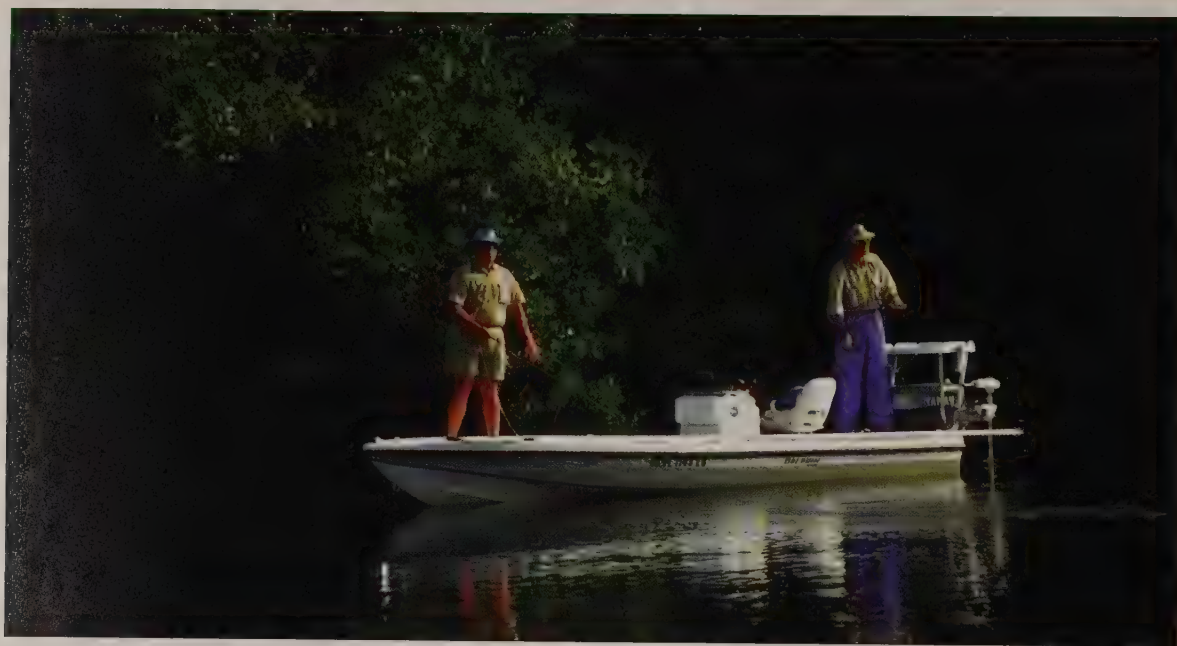
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A relaxing expedition on the Loxahatchee River gives you time to reflect on Florida's ICW and its fish. © Robert Huttemeyer

little in the way of activities besides the beaches and golf courses, and you shouldn't have trouble finding dockage unless it's high season. A few marinas are scattered along the west shore of the ICW.

The namesake of the next town is a mystery. Meaning "mouth of the rat" in Spanish, **Boca Raton** has an illustrious history of ups and downs, successes and failures. Cruising the ICW in this area is like walking through a haunted house—periods of calm interrupted by sudden fear. Conditions are generally fair, but certain areas get suddenly rough, such as the Boca Raton Inlet and the waters beneath the Route 798 Bascule Bridge.

East of Fl G 4s 16ft G "67" (SM 1048.2), an unmarked channel leads to **Boca Raton Inlet**. The inlet requires local knowledge—shallows north and south of the entrance extending from the jetties make it a difficult entry from the Atlantic. You're better off using either the Hillsboro Inlet or Port Everglades to the south, or Lake Worth Inlet to the north.

Continuing south, be careful at the intersection of the Hillsboro Drainage Canal (SM 1049.9) and the ICW, where hazardous, swirling currents are created in the channel just north of the State Road 810/Hillsboro Boulevard Bridge. When passing through the bridge, maintain effective headway so that strong currents won't edge you to the bridge fenders or pilings.

At Fl G 4s 16ft G "69," near SM 1054, the ICW curves to the southwest as it passes **Hillsboro Inlet**. The inlet is marked by the black and white Hillsboro Inlet Light, which

stands 136 feet on the inlet's north side. Traffic here can be heavy, especially on weekends, so keep alert.

With so many canals and waterways, it's no wonder **Fort Lauderdale** has an abundance of marinas. Heading into Fort Lauderdale, the channel remains fairly straight until just north of the Middle River. After a couple of easy doglegs, the ICW takes a wide but decisive turn to the west for a short stretch, leading directly to the mouth of the **New River**. At R G "A," the ICW splits, with one branch swinging south toward Port Everglades and the other heading into the New River.

If you're continuing toward Port Everglades along the ICW, follow the markers until you see the 17th Street Bridge, which divides the ICW from the wider water of Port Everglades. Below Port Everglades, you will soon see the entrance to the Dania Cut-off Canal to the west at Q G "35." Marine facilities are plentiful around here and there's deep water all the way to the fixed bridge. (*Refer to the **Fort Lauderdale Harbor Highlight** for more information.*)

The ICW is a series of straight shots through Miami Beach and the upper parts of Biscayne Bay. (*Refer to the **Miami Harbor Highlight** for more information on Miami, the Miami River and Government Cut.*)

The islands of **Virginia Key** and **Key Biscayne** are usually associated more with Miami than with the Keys, yet the busy and hurried atmosphere of the mainland metropolis will rarely invade these peaceful sites. Where you cruise in this area depends on which route you choose—the Hawk Channel or the ICW.

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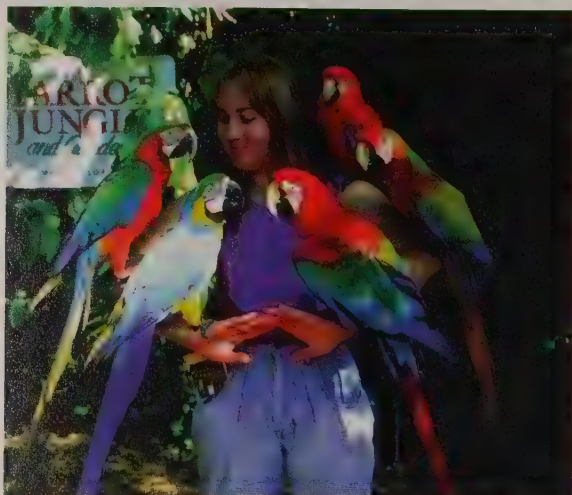
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As you travel along the outside Hawk Channel route, be aware of the shorelines and reefs that surround the channel and Biscayne Bay—they are notoriously hazardous to boaters. If you are heading directly from Miami to Key Largo, you should set a course of 184°m from the Miami

Harbor Entrance.

Coming from Miami, navigating the ICW down to the Keys can be tricky, as this is Miami's busiest boat traffic area. Heed the markers as you head south to Rickenbacker Causeway (SM 1091.6), which is officially called the William M. Powell Causeway Bridge, with a vertical clearance of 74 feet. You will find a few marinas beyond the causeway along the southwest shore of Virginia Key, but most cruisers choose to anchor off the Keys.

The Florida Keys: Inside and Out to Key West

When cruising through the Keys, you have two different course options—the Hawk Channel, or outside route, and the ICW, or inside route. Either one may suit you, yet most people use the weather as the determining factor—good, outside; bad, inside. Your vessel's draft and height may be the overriding consideration.

Marinas dot both sides of the Keys, with the majority centered around the channels crossing between Florida Bay and the Atlantic. As we said earlier, currents are often strong in the channels, so keep alert to avoid running aground or bumping into any fixed objects.

For more detailed information on the Florida Keys, see *Embassy's Diving, Fishing & Boating Guide to the Florida Keys*.

Hawk Channel

The Hawk Channel, which passes between the Florida Reef and the Keys, varies in depth from 9 to 34 feet, and is 0.25nm wide at its narrowest point. While there is plenty of water on the outside, the wind can ruffle it up a bit.

Trade winds usually blow 10 to 20 knots from the east and southeast, except in winter, when they are interrupted by continental cold fronts out of the north and west. From October through March, winds of 22 knots or more blow about 10 percent of the time. In the Straits of Florida, winds are more persistent, averaging about 15 knots. Generally, wind speeds are lowest at night, increasing during the morning to a peak in the afternoon.

The ideal weather for the Hawk Channel has light winds out of the northwest, which will put the channel in the lee of the islands. In southwest winds, Hawk Channel is protected by the offshore Florida Reef, except for a few areas between Alligator Reef and American Shoal. There is no current in Hawk Channel from the Gulf Stream, but near the opening between Biscayne Bay and Hawk Channel there are strong cross-currents.

Hawk Channel couldn't be more straightforward—keep an eye on your chart and you should be fine. Also, keep in mind that many of the aids are set in hard coral and should be given a wide berth.

From Iso 6s 50ft; Fl 4s 25ft 5M light outside **Government Cut**, it's about a 7nm journey south until you reach the Cape Florida Channel and Biscayne Channel—both of which lead

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you to Biscayne Bay. **Cape Florida Channel** hugs the southern tip of Key Biscayne and is fairly simple. **Biscayne Channel**, which takes you through a neighborhood of shoddy stilt houses known as Stiltsville, can be more challenging as water is shallow to either side of the marked channel.

Your channel choice depends on where you're headed. Those bound for Key Biscayne and points north, or to the Dinner Key facilities, should use the Cape Florida Channel. When heading farther south or west in Biscayne Bay, you will probably want to take the Biscayne Channel.

West of Fl R 2.5s 12ft "22" you'll see Broad Creek and Angelfish Creek. Do not attempt to navigate Broad Creek without local knowledge. To the south is the beginning to Key Largo. (*Refer to the Key Largo Harbor Highlight for more information.*)

Northwest of Alligator Reef you'll find your next set of passages from Hawk Channel to ICW—**Teatable Key Channel** and **Indian Key Channel**. Teatable has about 4 feet mlw at its entrance and 8 feet inside, but its fixed bridge has only 10 feet of clearance. The preferred choice is Indian Key Channel, with a 27-foot-high fixed bridge and a controlling depth of 6 feet. This region is extensively marked, which causes confusion, so keep the speed down to help you determine the correct course. Take out the binoculars to make sure the numbers on the markers match your destination. When taking this channel you are entering **Lignumvitae Key Management Area**, a state ecological preserve.

Larger boats who want to get bayside will want to head

to **Channel Five**—it's your last option until Moser Channel, which cuts under the Seven-Mile Bridge. When traveling underneath the 65-foot-high bridge, adjust your course so as to pass east of **Jewfish Bush Banks**, which is poorly marked.

Before heading under the Channel Five Bridge, head west into Long Key Bight for a pleasant, fairly well-protected anchorage. Keep someone on the bow and watch the depth-sounder—the bight shallows the farther in you go.

Soon you'll reach the Heart of the Florida Keys—**Marathon**. On the eastern end of Vaca Key is Vaca Cut. The current through the cut moves fairly quickly. If the old engine isn't up to fighting a strong current, play the tides. While there is a transient-friendly marina inside the cut, you'll have to contend with a 13-foot-high bridge.

At the opposite end of Vaca Key is Boot Key Harbor, one of the most popular anchorages in all the Keys. (*Refer to the Marathon Harbor Highlight for more information.*)

If you've made it to Boot Key Harbor, then you've witnessed the "Eighth Wonder of the World"—the Seven-Mile Bridge. **Moser Channel**, the main channel that cuts underneath the bridge, is the best place to cross from the Hawk Channel to the ICW. From any direction, head toward R "2" at the channel's entrance. The channel holds more than 7 feet of water.

The last crossing to the bay is through Bahia Honda Channel. With the midpoint of the old railway due north, begin to head for the channel, keeping the rock south of the

western tip of Bahia Honda to the east. The old railway has a vertical clearance of 20 feet, but there's a cut in the bridge on the ends. While this is the deepest natural channel in the Keys, the bridge cutting into the bay is only 20 feet high.

Back out on the ICW, it's another 25nm to Boca Chica Channel. Just beyond that is Key West. (*Refer to the Key West Harbor Highlight for more information.*)

The ICW

The ICW, which passes through Florida Bay and Gulf of Mexico, has been dredged to a minimum depth of 8 feet between Fort Lauderdale and Miami. Its depth decreases to about 5 feet through the Keys. The dredging project west of Key Largo was halted years ago and will likely not be continued, in an effort to limit use of this area to small craft. The minimum overhead clearance of fixed bridges over the ICW is 56 feet at Miami's Julia Tuttle Causeway (SM 1087.1).

Tides inside the Keys are difficult to predict. The wind blows water into Florida Bay, or back out to the Gulf of Mexico, creating changes in the water level. Sea level in the Gulf of Mexico is slightly higher than it is in the Atlantic Ocean, thus currents through the channel can be characterized by a nearly continuous outflow from the gulf into the ocean. In addition, the tides in the Atlantic characteristically have two ebbs and floods each day, while tides in the Gulf are more apt to have only one each day. On average, the

tide in the Keys varies from 0.2 feet in the bay to 2.4 feet in the ocean.

The ICW travels south from Miami, through Biscayne Bay. As is always the case, straying from the ICW involves a certain amount of risk, so if you choose to pull into a cove and anchor, be aware of surrounding depths. Please note that rules and regulations within **Biscayne National Park** are constantly changing, so check with park services before heading out.

Those heading to Virginia Key's northeasterly anchorages and marinas must keep within the ICW channel until just north of the Rickenbacker Causeway, then make an easterly turn, hugging the causeway, this leads you to Rickenbacker Marina and the old Miami Marine Stadium.

Once south of Rickenbacker Causeway, to the east you'll see Bear Cut, which can be accessed between Q G "1" and Fl R 4s "2." To the west is Dinner Key Channel, beginning at Fl G 2.5s 5M "1" which leads to a transient facility and a nice anchorage.

To cross over to the Atlantic, pick up Fl R 2.5s 4M "4" for the Cape Florida Channel, or Fl Y 4s 12ft 3M "B" (SM 1097.1) for the Biscayne Channel.

Your first major hazard comes at **Featherbed Bank**. The narrow channel that leads you through this area begins at Fl G 4s 16ft 4M "3" (SM 1107.6). Some boaters approaching Featherbed Bank from the north have reported difficulty spotting its markers, especially in bad weather, so keep your eyes peeled. In addition, captains (usually inexperienced) often depart Elliott Key forgetting about the bank and head north—right into danger.

Your run south of here is 7sm along Elliott Key to the end of Biscayne Bay and the beginning of **Cutter Bank**, which has a controlling depth of 8 feet. You may feel a cross current in this area from **Broad Creek** and **Angelfish Creek**, which open to the Hawk Channel.

At the end of the channel through Cutter Bank (SM 1119), the ICW doglegs west. Once you've cleared G "15," you've entered the spacious Card Sound which leads you to a narrow cut into Little Card Sound. The dredged channel turns south at Fl R 2.5s 16ft "24," just beyond a 65-foot-high fixed bridge connecting Key Largo to the mainland. You'll then head through Barnes Sound to Jewfish Creek, separating Cross Key from Key Largo. The entrance to Jewfish, at Fl G 4s 16ft 4M "29," may be difficult to pick out from the surrounding mangroves. The vicinity of Largo Point near Jewfish Creek is a pleasant spot to drop anchor.

Blackwater Sound has it all: facilities, good holding ground and fine fishing. The best hold is near Anglers Park on the southeast side, southwest of Stellrecht Point. You'll find a number of marinas on the eastern side of the sound. If you draw less than 4 feet, take advantage of **Lake Surprise**, a well-protected anchorage southeast of the bridge. (*Refer to the Key Largo Harbor Highlight for more information.*)

You'll pick up Dusenberry Creek before cutting through Grouper Creek. You may see a trail of silt following your



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stern as you pass through Buttonwood Sound, but don't be alarmed—the bottom is 6 feet down and soft.

Beginning at Fl G 4s 16ft "55" (SM 1143.1), Baker Cut takes you between Pelican Key and Swash Keys. Stick to the marked channel until you pass Pigeon Key, then swing hard south around Q G 16ft 3M "61" (SM 1147.5). After another bend, the ICW leads through Cowpens Cut and Cotton Key Basin, north of Cowpens' anchorage. The anchorage should be approached carefully.

The stretch of the ICW west of R "80" (SM 1158.1) can get pretty thin. Winds out of the east or northeast blow the water toward the Gulf of Mexico, dropping water levels by a foot. As you approach Steamboat Channel, continue on course until the channel markers line up, then swing into the channel.

Beyond Fl R 2.5s 16ft "98" (SM 1165.7), you have a choice of continuing along the ICW, or turning slightly southwest toward **Channel Five** where there's a 65-foot-high fixed bridge. Back in the ICW, follow the course line down to Fl G 4s 12ft 4M "1" (SM 1172.8), down through Channel Key Pass, and out to Fl G 4s 12ft 4M "15A."

From here, turn due south leaving the buoy wide to the east, and you'll approach the town of **Marathon** on Vaca Key. Several marinas can also be found on Marathon's south shore. If you're not already on the ocean side of the island, continue along the ICW past Pigeon Key to the fixed Seven-Mile Bridge and Moser Channel. Once past the bridge, swing east into Boot Key Harbor where you'll find one of the most popular anchorages in all the Keys along with transient facilities. (*Refer to the **Marathon Harbor Highlight** for more information.*)

The rest of your trip through the Keys is better left to the Hawk Channel. Your only option in Florida Bay is the Big Spanish Channel which heads northwest from Fl R "20" and cuts through the Great White Heron National Wildlife Refuge and the National Key Deer Refuge. This passage can be pretty tricky, so unless you draw less than 5 feet or have good local knowledge, stay on the ocean side.

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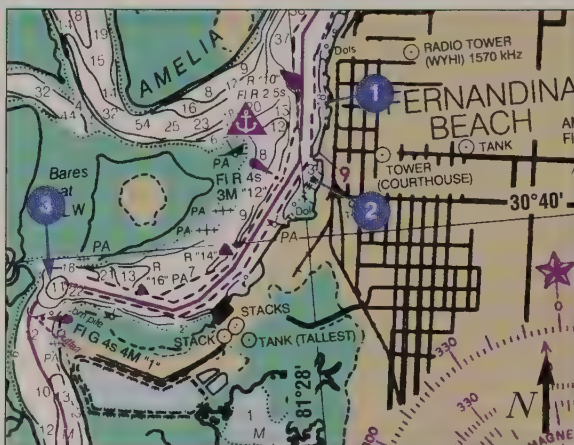
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Once inside the channel, simply follow the range. It makes for an easy entrance to the ICW between FI R 2.5s "2" and Q G "1," just past Fort Clinch, which you'll see to the south.

Amelia River

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the Fernandina Harbor Marina. Anchor between FI R 2.5s "10" and FI R 4s 3M "12," favoring the area south of where Bells River runs into the Amelia. Continue south along the ICW, and the Amelia River becomes Kingsley Creek at FI G 4s 4M "7."

Kingsley Creek

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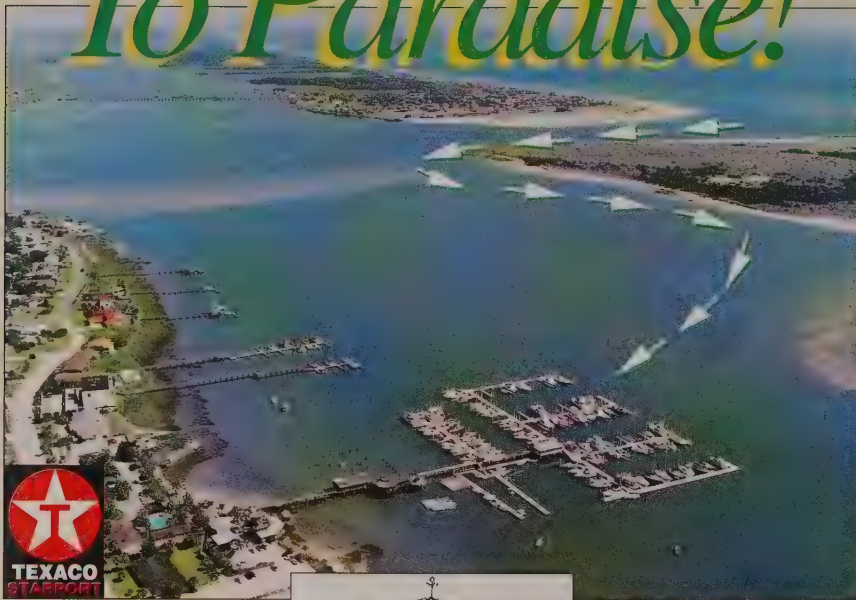
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plaza at its center from which streets branch out, making it a romantic maze of restored buildings, some dating as far back as the early 1600s. Flavored by this Spanish heritage, St. Augustine had character from the start, but only gradually acquired the charm you will find in its old streets today.

What To See and Do

For an unusual way to see this stunning city, try a trolley, horse-drawn carriage, or walking tour. Just off the plaza, and closed to automobile traffic, lies the main thoroughfare in town, St. George Street—named for King George III. Amid the shops, you'll find the Spanish Quarter Museum (904-825-6830), a restored section of the city. If you follow St. George Street to the Old City Gate, you'll be across the street from the Castillo de San Marcos, the star-shaped Spanish fort built in the mid-1600s.



The Ponce de León Hotel, an architectural gem, became Flagler College in 1967. © Embassy

The other attractions in St. Augustine are a pleasing mixture of stunning museums and kitschy tourist traps: the Cathedral of St. Augustine, Lightner Museum, Oldest Store

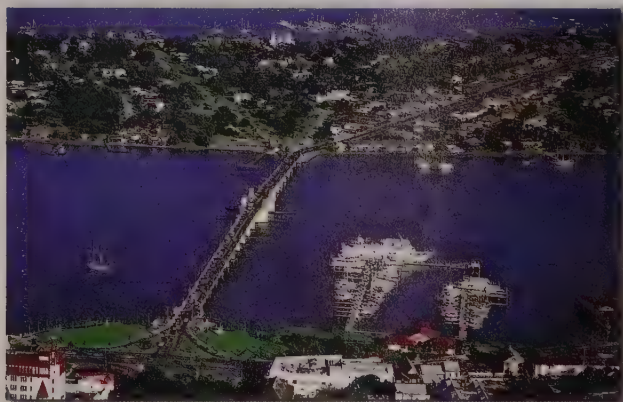
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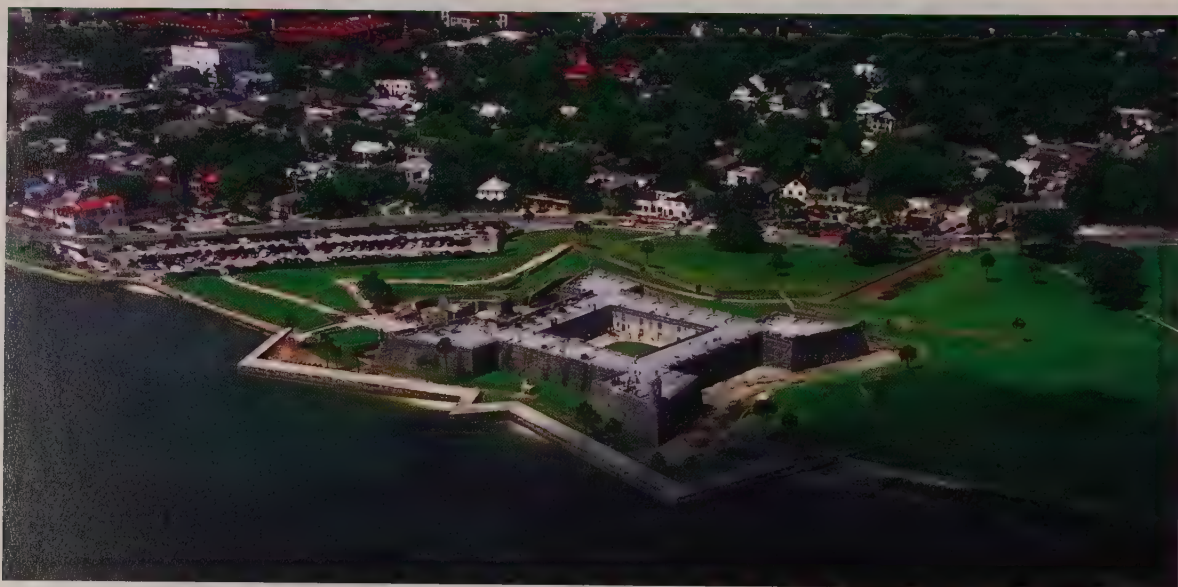
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Museum, Potter's Wax Museum, Ripley's Believe It Or Not, and the Alligator Farm (on Anastasia Island). All of these are on the trolley routes.

Don't miss the Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park (904-829-3168) for a look into an ancient Indian settlement and the place where Ponce de León came ashore in search of the legendary fountain.

Restaurants and Provisions

We're not talking through our teeth when we say you'd have to stay here a month to get to every restaurant worth a trip. Trust us: St. Augustine is a good place to be hungry. At the Conch House Marina Resort you'll find a restaurant and lounge serving seafood, pasta, salads, and sandwiches. Nearby, the Gypsy Cab Company (904-824-8244) has a strong following for its "urban cuisine."

Opposite the Municipal Marina downtown, boaters have O.C. White's (904-824-0808) and A1A Ale Works (904-829-2977) brewery/restaurant. Santa Maria (904-829-6578) is also right at your doorstep, on its own pier.

Along St. George Street, try Columbia (904-824-3341), an upscale Spanish restaurant. North of downtown is the Manatee Cafe (904-826-0210), serving good-for-you breakfast and lunch; they also sell organic produce and some groceries. At Camachee Cove Yacht Harbor, check out Harborside Cafe (904-826-1667) or Captains Cay (904-826-3328) for lunch, dinner or Sunday brunch.

You'll find a laundromat and convenience stores a few blocks east of the Conch House on the segment of Route A1A leading to the Bridge of Lions. Continue south on A1A and you'll come across a supermarket and pharmacy. Around the

town plaza, there are cash machines. For everything under the sun, hail a cab a few blocks over to U.S. Route 1.

Navigation and Anchorages From the north

Approaching from the north along the Tolomato River, you'll pass several non-navigable creeks. Just north of the fixed, 65-foot Vilano Beach Bridge (SM 776) you'll find the well-marked channel leading to Camachee Cove Yacht Harbor. Once under the Vilano Beach Bridge the channel markers merge with those for the St. Augustine Inlet (SM 776.6). Beware of fluctuating shoals to the west of the inlet that may exceed the area indicated on the chart. Note that NOAA has incorrectly plotted the purple line indicating the ICW channel here—be sure to keep R N "60" to starboard.

St. Augustine Inlet

The inlet is well marked, but not charted because the navigational aids change with the constantly-shifting shoals. From sea, pick up Mo(A) WHISTLE RW "STA," about 1.8nm east of the inlet. Dangerous, shifting shoals run about 1sm seaward of the inlet's mouth and are marked by a lighted whistle buoy at their farthest point.

CAUTION: Coming inside, keep an eye out for R N "60," an ICW marker. If you're heading north, keep it to port; if beaded south into St. Augustine, keep it to starboard.

Salt Run

Salt Run begins just south of the inlet, between Conch Island and Davis Shores. Identified by Fl G 4s 4M 16ft "1," Salt Run

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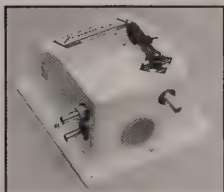
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Looking southwest over Vilano Beach and the St. Augustine Inlet. Cape Francis is in the left foreground, followed by Davis Shores in the center, with the Bridge of Lions and downtown St. Augustine in the background. © Embassy/J.E. Clark

offers well-protected anchorages in deep water. In a north wind, you may have to move farther south into Salt Run, keeping an eye on the depth sounder. The bottom here is silty—set your anchor well. If it's really gusty, you may have to set two anchors. Just inside to the west is the Conch House Marina Resort, offering transient slips.

The ICW heading south

The ICW from Salt Run curves west before swinging south again toward the Bridge of Lions (SM 778.2), where Old St. Augustine in all its historic glory rises to meet you. The double-bascule Bridge of Lions has a vertical clearance of 25 feet and opens on the hour and half-hour. Check the Bridge Index for more information.

The most popular anchorages in St. Augustine straddle the Bridge of Lions. North of the bridge, approach within 300 feet of the span, then make your way toward the western shore. Anchor off Castillo de San Marcos in about 12 feet of water, about 100 feet from the seawall. Expect significant current, but less extreme than what you'll find south of the bridge. Trash and debris from an old span litter the bottom south of the bridge, where there is good water for anchoring along the western shore, too, but not as close as the Castillo.

San Sebastian River

South of the Bridge of Lions, you'll pass the entrance to the San Sebastian River (SM 780) to the west. This river runs narrow and deep and is well marked to the head of navigation below Kings Street Bridge. There is no room to anchor in San Sebastian River, but you will find several facilities that accept transients.

South of the San Sebastian River Entrance is the State Road 312 Fixed Bridge (SM 780.3), with its 65-foot vertical clearance. After passing under the bridge, you'll wind your way through the waters of the Matanzas River, extending well south to the Matanzas Inlet and beyond.

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Today, people still drive along the packed sand of the Daytona beaches, though the speed limit is now a leisurely 10 mph. As late as the 1950s, men were racing stock cars across the sand until the engines finally grew too powerful and the drivers too daring. In the 1960s the races were moved to the asphalt of the Daytona International Speedway.

What To See and Do

A solid wall of high-rise hotels separates the beach from its major artery, Route A1A. On the beach, you can't miss the Main Street Pier (904-253-1212), one of the longest in the state. For a dollar, you can stroll to the end of the pier for a unique view of the beach, or catch a ride on the Sky lift, a chair lift that runs to the end of the pier. The Space Needle, standing 180 feet high here, helps you find that needle in the haystack, or thong among the throng. Back on land, mobile units on the beach rent beach buggies by the hour or day.

Closer to the marinas, the cobblestone streets of Daytona Beach are lined with specialty shops, creating a slower pace that is a refreshing escape from the oil-laden flock at the beach. Sweet news for chocoholics, Angell & Phelps Chocolate Factory (904-252-6531) in historic downtown offers free tours (including samples). If you still can't shake that need for speed, visit Daytona Harley-Davidson (904-253-BIKE) and hog a view of their extensive inventory of new, used and custom Harleys.

Restaurants and Provisions

There's no shortage of good eateries in tourist-oriented Daytona. The New Marker 32 Restaurant (904-257-3989)



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next door to the Seabreeze Bridge Marina serves American favorites such as steaks, seafood and sandwiches. Nearby, get fresh—seafood, that is—at Park's Seafood Restaurant and Market (904-258-7272), a local favorite.

About two blocks from Halifax Harbor Marina in historic downtown, escape the heat at McK's Tavern (904-238-3321). Quench your thirst with a frosty draft brew and satisfy those hunger pangs with a juicy burger or sandwich. Beside

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A Warm Welcome Awaits You!

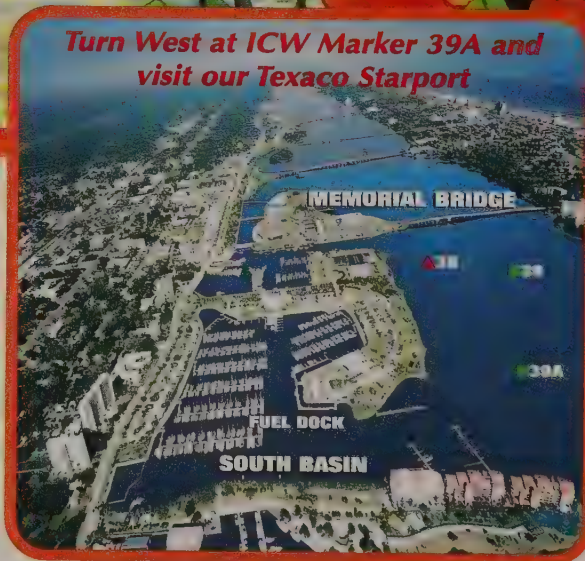
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While racing once took place along Daytona's beaches, the horsepower is now taken to Daytona International Speedway. © Embassy

Daytona Marina is the Chart House (904-255-9022), nationally known for its fine seafood, steaks and salads. Go out on a limb to the Live Oak Inn (904-252-4667), a historic bed & breakfast, serving lunch and dinner in a quaint setting. If you'd rather stay on the boat, call Stavro's Pizza House (904-258-5041).

In Daytona Beach Shores, tie up to Sindbad's (904-756-2921) underneath the Port Orange Bridge on the western shore for a seafood dinner dockside. Nearby Aunt Catfish's (904-767-4768) also offers riverfront dining, with docking for patrons.

You'll find a convenience store, post office and banks within a block or two of Halifax Harbor Marina, and Publix supermarket and Eckerds pharmacy are both located a mile north, next door to Aloha Marine. Within walking distance of Seven Seas Marina, A1A has no shortage of food stores, video rentals, and ATMs.

Navigation and Anchorages

Traveling south down the ICW

Beginning with the Ormond Beach Fixed Bridge (SM 825) you'll pass seven bridges while traveling down the ICW. Refer to the Bridge Index at the beginning of this book for schedules and heights.

South of the Seabreeze Boulevard Fixed Bridge (SM 829.1), which has 65 feet of clearance, you'll find a good anchorage to the east with 8 feet of water. A mixed bottom referred to locally as "Black Jell-o" makes for a secure hold.

Another anchorage is near the western shore, southwest of R "44" (SM 831.2). Enter this area at R "44" and head northwest. Drop your anchor north of the cable and pipeline area southwest of R "40." South of Daytona, the channel continues straight.

Your trip remains straightforward until you reach Port Orange Highway Bridge (SM 835.5), with a fixed vertical clearance of 65 feet. After R "58," the ICW zigzags several times through a stretch of marshy areas on its way to New Smyrna Beach.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

Coast Guard: All stations monitor VHF 16

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

Radio Telephone:



MARITEL VHF: 28

Marine Communications System 888-MARITEL (888-627-4835)

Tow Service:

SEA TOW —Daytona (904-767-1508)

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About a mile from the New Merrill Barber Bridge on the ocean lies the Driftwood Resort, looking like a bunch of cargo crates washed ashore from a shipwreck many centuries ago. The eccentric, disheveled building was created, or, should we say, compiled, by Waldo Sexton, one of the town's first settlers.

Sexton originally built the house in 1914 as a seaside retreat for his family and friends, scouring the beaches for flotsam and jetsam—which is why the structure has a serendipitous appearance. As if to compound the building's ramshackle look, Sexton also used a variety of window shapes and sizes. The house was built over a period of time, with Sexton making new additions as the tide's bounty allowed.

Despite the looming presence of sprawling developments, Vero Beach has retained a small-town feel, replete with grapefruit and orange groves on one side and semitropical woods on the other.

What To See and Do

Vero Beach is often overlooked by travelers. But curious boaters discover the town's scenic qualities firsthand.

Citrus has been very good to Vero Beach, but it's professional baseball that has been very, very good to this community. Each February, the Los Angeles Dodgers begin their spring training at Dodgertown (561-569-4900), a short cab ride west of town. Fans show their allegiance by coming from all over the globe to see the team battle its Grapefruit League rivals.

Those who prefer participatory sports can take to the fairways at more than a dozen area golf courses: Dodgertown Golf Club (561-569-4800) or the 18-hole Dodger Pines Country Club (561-569-4400), Grand Harbor (561-778-9200), and the par-3, 18-hole Whisper Lakes (561-567-3321).

The truth is, everyone's favorite playground in Vero is the beaches—the closest ones are about a mile from the marinas. The Vero Beach Community Coach Trolley (561-569-0903)



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offers inexpensive transportation around the county and to the beaches from the city marina.

Restaurants and Provisions

Glowing sunsets and a happenin' crowd draw many people to Riverside Cafe (561-234-5550) on the southeast side of the Barber Bridge. Accessible by boat, Riverside Cafe is also a great stop before or after a performance at the neighboring theaters.

Across the river is Royal Palm Boulevard, a veritable restaurant row, where you can row to (or motor) in a small craft to at least half of the establishments. Tie up at the Lobster Shanty (561-562-1941) or neighboring Chart House

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Looking southwest over the public moorings north of the Merrill Barber Bridge. Vero Beach Municipal Marina and Complete Yacht Services are in the left foreground, followed by the Barber Bridge and the 17th Street Causeway Bridge. © Embassy/J.E. Clark

(561-770-0444). Kids and adults alike enjoy the family setting of Mr. Manatee's (561-569-9151), also accessible by dinghy.

Make waves to the beach for shoreside dining and a bit of nostalgia at Ocean Grill (561-231-5409), one of Waldo Sexton's sea-nic creations. Or visit Waldo's (561-231-7091) at the Driftwood Resort, Sexton's former home. Other gems near the ocean include Black Pearl (561-234-4426) for its French flair and Monte's (561-231-6612) for Italian delights; both are favored by locals.

Along Beachland Boulevard, the main road that extends from the Barber Bridge to the shore, you'll find banks and small stores in Florida's familiar strip shopping centers. The nearest grocery stores, fast-food restaurants and other franchises are a mile inland along Route 1.

Navigation and Anchorages

Heading south down the ICW

Vero Beach—a small boater's town equidistant from Sebastian and Fort Pierce inlets—goes out of its way to welcome transients. Local mariners suggest that you use the Fort Pierce Inlet rather than Sebastian, as Fort Pierce is safe in almost all weather.

Southwest of Fl G 4s 16ft "121" (SM 948.7) you'll see a marked channel leading to Grand Harbor, a full-scale resort where marina guests are treated to all its amenities.

When Gifford Cut (SM 950) is to the east, you know that Vero Beach isn't far away. Most of the boating facilities are located in the harbor area, tucked tightly in a cove along the east shore approximately 1.7sm to the south. To reach the cove, turn east between Fl G 4s 12ft "137" (SM 951.7) and G "139," just north of Merrill Barber Bridge (SM 951.8), a fixed span with 65 feet of vertical clearance. (Note: The bascule

bridge identified on the NOAA chart at SM 951.7 was removed years ago.)

The marked channel leading to the facilities swings to the north around the spoil island, past the city's southern mooring area. Another city-maintained mooring area sits beyond the marina. Anchoring is not allowed in the harbor. Call ahead to reserve a mooring, which is inexpensive, and be prepared to share one during the busy winter season. Rafting is also permitted for convoys.

Just south of Barber Bridge on the western shore are a number of restaurants. A little farther south on the ICW, you'll encounter the only real trouble spot in the Vero Beach area. A shoal extends for several hundred yards beyond R "142" (SM 952.1), along the western edge of the channel. Don't wander out of the channel in this area.

Downtown Vero Beach is visible on the western shore beyond the shoreline homes and businesses. A utility plant rises from the northwestern end of the 17th Street Causeway Bridge (SM 952.9), a fixed span with vertical clearance of 65 feet.

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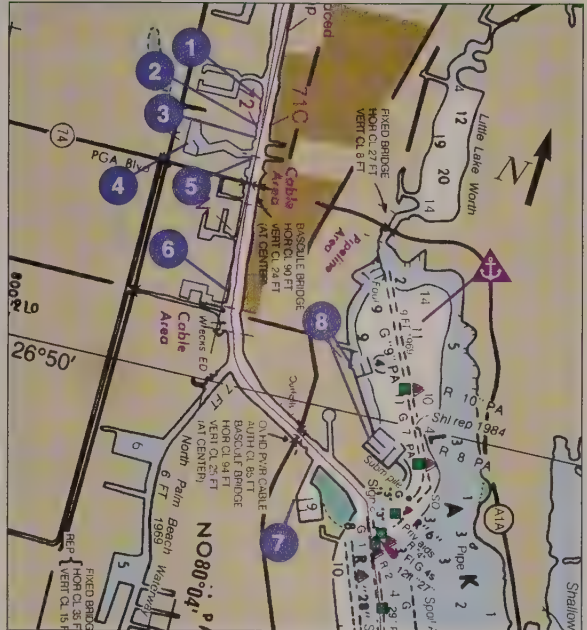
When the Civil War began, a young man named Charles Lang left his home in Georgia and sailed a small boat along the east coast of Florida. Lang fled to avoid the draft, and after weeks of exploring an all but unpopulated coast, he found a small inlet that led to a tropical lake lined with arching trees. It was here Lang built himself a hut and waited for the war to end.

The slender island ran 18 miles along the Atlantic coast, bathed in tropical air from the Gulf Stream. The warm waters brought mild temperatures, ranging from 70°F in midwinter to 95°F in the summer.

Word of this seemingly perfect place began to spread around 1888 when Henry Flagler first came to visit. When he returned to the island and its tropical lake in 1892, he purchased land. Construction of the Royal Poinciana Hotel began on May 1, 1893.

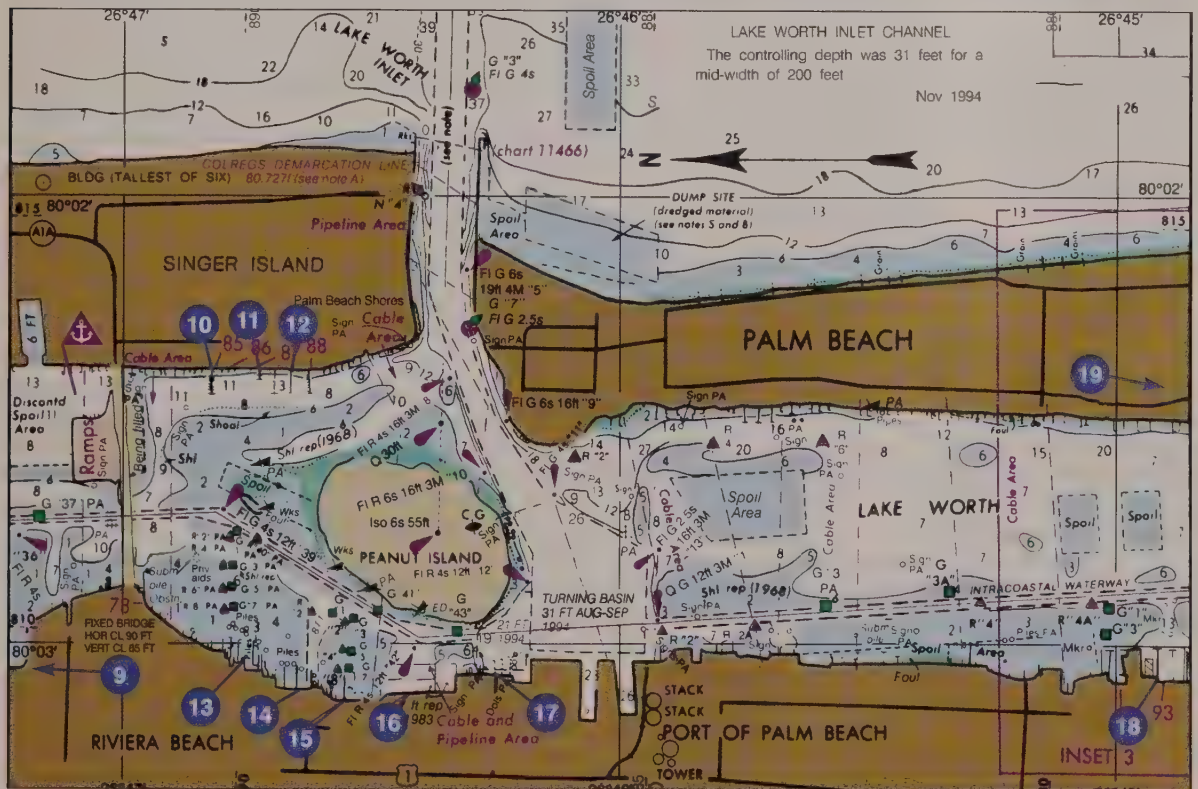
The Royal Poinciana opened its doors a mere nine months after construction began. It was the largest wooden building in the world, and the gardens and grounds occupied more than 100 acres. The Royal Poinciana became the gathering place for wealth and fashion.

The city of Palm Beach was an amazing and nearly instant success, surpassing even Flagler's achievements in St. Augustine.



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What To See and Do

While Palm Beach society may have its seasons, the rest of the region doesn't. The Port of Palm Beach is a festival of boats throughout the year.

Peanut Island used to be a presidential hideaway that would've been John F. Kennedy's command center had the Cuban Missile Crisis escalated to war. The "Kennedy Bunker," once a government secret, is among the historic displays at the Palm Beach Maritime Museum (561-659-0800). Located in the old Coast Guard Station, the museum also tells tales of the guardsmen and women who protected America's shores.

On the weekends, the Palm Beach Water Taxi (561-930-TAXI) shuttles people from Sailfish Marina on Singer Island to Peanut Island. During the week, take the water taxi for a tour of the waterway, Palm Beach mansions and megayachts, as well as manatee sightings and sunset cruises.

West Palm truly opens up with a rental car, putting your family in touch with attractions that make the kids go wild. These include the Dreher Park Zoo (561-533-0887), a petting farm with a host of docile animals that's also a planetarium and science museum with laser shows. The first of its type in America when it opened in 1967, Lion Country Safari



Looking west over Lake Worth Inlet. This is one of the easiest inlets to navigate on Florida's east coast. Peanut Island is in the center once you enter.
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(561-793-1084) winds through a 500-acre wildlife preserve where zebras, giraffes, lions and other animals of the veldt are allowed to roam.

Stroll the neighborhoods and Palm Beach opens up like a jewel box with a hundred compartments, narrow walks opening into courtyards, quaint shops and restaurants tucked away within. A walk down famous Worth Avenue—named after William Jenkins Worth, a general during the Seminole Wars—should get you off to a good start.

Another overwhelming place is the Henry M. Flagler Museum (561-655-2833), or Whitehall, which was once the railroad magnate's private palace. Designed by Carrere and Hastings, the architects responsible for the New York Public Library, Whitehall is widely regarded as one of the most elegant mansions in Palm Beach. The foyer, for example, is 16 feet longer than a basketball court, the master bedroom is as big as a yacht, and all the other rooms resemble football fields.

During World War II, Whitehall was briefly reincarnated as a hotel of the same name, and was the only lodging place in town; the others, such as The Breakers, had been temporarily converted to hospitals. Today, The Breakers (800-833-3141) is sheer luxury, the premier hotel in Palm Beach, boasting more than 140 acres of fairways, 12 tennis courts, and impeccably manicured grounds.

Perhaps the best way to sightsee is by bike. Pick up a rental at the Palm Beach Bicycle Shop (561-659-4583) and ride the miles of paths that go up and down the island.

Follow the roadside trail to the inlet for an up-close view of exclusive mansions and other spoils of high society.

Contact the Palm Beach County Convention & Visitors Bureau (561-471-3995) or the local chambers of commerce for a calendar of events and highlights of other attractions.

Restaurants and Provisions

The Crab Pot (561-844-2722) on the northwest side of the Blue Heron Boulevard Bridge snares people for its multi-course, early-bird specials. Guests of Cannonsport Marina regularly head to the Crab Pot, or even closer, to the Galley (561-848-1492) at Sailfish Marina. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner in the open air, the Galley's fresh fish delights diners, as do the stories from fishermen at the adjacent docks. Tales be told, the Buccaneer (561-844-3477) will have you feeling like cargo after one of its filling lunches. Both are great for sunset suppers overlooking Peanut Island.

Waterside dining is also a treat at the Palm Beach Yacht Club (561-655-1944), where a jaunt out to the parking lot reveals a luxury automobile show. A slight contrast is Clematis Street in downtown West Palm Beach, where there really isn't any parking, especially during its Thursday night bashes. That's when live bands, artisans and other creative folks entertain the masses. Guests at the yacht club or Palm Harbor Marina are a few blocks' walk to this happening area. If you've visited South Beach in Miami, you may wonder if you ever left there. Funky folks and fads are here, too, along with a similar assortment of restaurants.

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All along U.S. Route 1 you'll find supermarkets, pharmacies, department stores, video shops, laundromats and the like. Consult with the dockmaster about the nearest ones. Boaters who need canvas work should look up AA Boat Tops (561-845-TOPS) on Poinsettia Avenue in West Palm Beach.

Navigation and Anchorages

Coming south from Jupiter

Facilities start to appear along the banks as you approach the PGA Boulevard Bridge (SM 1012.6), a double bascule with 24 feet of vertical clearance that opens on request, except during a complicated schedule. Refer to Embassy's Bridge Index at the beginning of this book.

North Palm Beach Waterway

Approximately 0.6sm south of the PGA Bridge, you'll see a channel on the ICW's west side, known as the North Palm Beach Waterway. This deep channel leads along a residential stretch and can be taken all the way to Lake Worth by small craft only, because you must pass under a bridge with only 8 feet of clearance.



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Lake Worth

The lake often gets very choppy, roiled by the enmeshed wakes of passing boats and steeped by both the shallow depth of the bay and the winds.

CAUTION: *Wide-open Lake Worth is very shallow outside the ICW channel. Shoreline facilities have dredged their own channels, which are usually marked, to the ICW.*

As you head south into Lake Worth, be sure not to confuse the markers leading around the bend to the north for ICW markers. The private aids east of Fl G 4s "27" (SM 1014.2) lead to the northernmost section of Lake Worth, a good place to anchor in deep water, and the docks of Old Port Cove.

Both shores of northern Lake Worth are lined with private homes, apartments and condominiums. In the bight south of Munyon Island (SM 1015) you may see small fishing boats trolling in the shallow waters. We'll remind you again: depths outside the channel are for shallow-draft vessels and boaters with local knowledge only.

Singer Island

Most of the marine facilities are located south of the Blue Heron Boulevard Bridge (SM 1017.2), a fixed span with 65 feet of vertical clearance. South of the bridge to the inlet, expect a high density of recreational boaters and water-sports enthusiasts, not to mention commercial vessels. Keep alert and plot your course ahead of time.

Vessels can diverge from the ICW south of the bridge to head east toward the inlet and Singer Island, where Sailfish Marina and the family-owned and operated Cannonsport Marina gladly welcome transients. On a clear day, you can see the shallows between the deep channel that hugs the causeway and Peanut Island (SM 1017.4). Boaters will often beach/anchor their boats on these shallow spots, even though this is not a designated anchorage.

Lake Worth Inlet

To reach the Atlantic Ocean via the Lake Worth Inlet (SM 1018.4), pass on the south side of Peanut Island. Stay in the middle of the channel to avoid shoaling (minimum depths of 7 feet) directly north and south of the turning basin. Well-marked and deep, Lake Worth Inlet offers relatively easy passage for just about any skipper interested.

Approaching Lake Worth Inlet from the ocean, you'll spot the large stacks of the power plant, banded in orange and white. You'll also see the many condominium units lining the shores on both sides. The Breakers resort sits huge on the south shore of the inlet, drawing stares and making for an excellent landmark. The first marker you'll head for is Mo(A) WHISTLE R W "LW." From here, it's a straight shot into the port past Peanut Island and the ICW.

ICW south of Peanut Island

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there is a near-natural channel with at least 5 feet of water that runs for 3.5sm toward the Flagler Memorial Bridge (Route A1A). Traveling south along the ICW, you'll need only to look out for speeding boats and their wakes.

CAUTION: Watch for the No-Wake Zones in the ICW during manatee season from November through March.

Between R "4A" and Fl G 4s "5" (SM 1020.1), you'll see the entrances heading west toward Rybovich Spencer, a megafacility featuring a full-service yard, marina, marine store and manufacturing plant that has been handcrafting its own sportfishing yachts for more than 50 years. Transients will find everything they need here.

Boaters may find a minor shoal with 7 feet of water in the channel from approximately 100 yards to 300 yards north of Fl G 4s "9." From here, it's a straight shot to the Flagler Memorial Bascule Bridge (SM 1021.9).

NOTE: Refer to Embassy's Bridge Index at the beginning of this book for heights and schedules of all bridges in the Palm Beach area.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

Coast Guard: All stations monitor VHF 16

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

Radio Telephone:



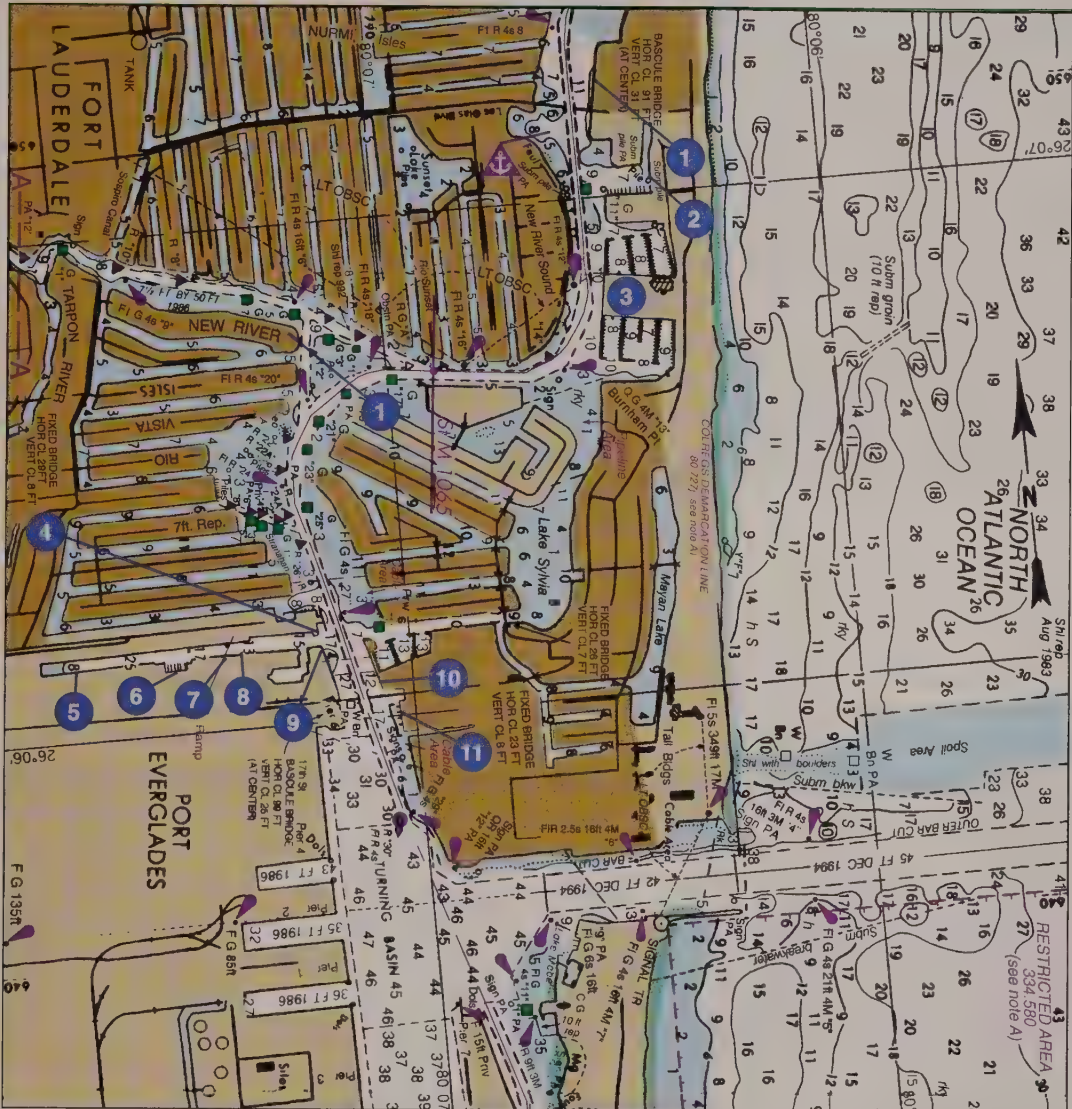
MARITEL VHF: 28, 84

Marine Communications System 888-MARITEL (888-627-4835)

Tow Service:

SEA TOW —Palm Beach (561-844-8056)

TowBOAT/U.S. —24-Hour Dispatch (800-391-4869)



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Cruise into Fort Lauderdale for the first time and you immediately encounter sensory overload: a manufactured, mountainous landscape of high-rise hotels, condominiums and commercial buildings along hundreds of miles of waterways criss-crossed by luxury yachts, fishing boats and dive vessels. Yet behind the metropolitan-jungle facade is an affording city that welcomes visiting yachtsmen as though they were long-lost relatives.

And it's no wonder. Ever since actress Connie Francis strutted around Fort Lauderdale in the 1960 hit movie "Where The Boys Are," the city had a reputation, albeit infamous, as a humongous, hedonistic sand castle for college stu-

dents. This moniker lasted for three decades, but it is no longer. If Ms. Francis were to make a 21st-century version of that famous film about Fort Lauderdale, it would be titled, "Where The Boats Are."

With an exhaustive network of canals, inlets and rivers supplying more than 165 miles of navigable waterways, the city has rightly been dubbed the "Venice of America." More than 40,000 pleasure boats call Fort Lauderdale home, and thousands more cruise here annually. Highly competitive marinas and marine facilities are constantly upgrading, offering visiting boaters first-rate services on a scale like no other destination.

FT. LAUDERDALE

Fort Lauderdale was not always so accommodating. The first European pioneers found the resistant Seminole Indians and the Everglades (or "grassy river") region uninviting. Back in the colonial period, southern Florida's Atlantic coast and neighboring keys were considered too dangerous for ships, many of which foundered on the reefs and bars. Until the late 1800s, when permanent colonial settlement began on the north bank of the New River, Fort Lauderdale was not a hospitable place.

The Seminoles have a legend, probably passed on to them by the earlier Tequesta tribe, that tells of a river appearing overnight. The story begins with a catastrophic disaster, perhaps an earthquake, which cracked the land and toppled the trees all in an instant. When it ended, a river had risen from the land, seemingly out of nowhere—or perhaps it dropped from the sky. At any rate, the water was muddied from the broken soil along the brand-new banks and the Indians standing nearby (with wet feet) quickly named it "Himmarshee," an ancient word that may in fact mean "the new water." Whatever the origin of the river or its name, the New River will be forever known as mother to Fort Lauderdale.

While settlers gradually moved in, the place didn't become a focal point of development until the late 1800s. The Civil War brought Union soldiers south for the first time and many stayed when the war ended.

Henry Flagler's East Coast Railroad brought its ties here in 1896, accelerating the development of Fort Lauderdale and

allowing the new citizens greater mercantile opportunities. Still, only 52 people lived in the village in 1900, and a decade later that number had grown to only 143 inhabitants.

By the early 1920s, dredging and filling created finger islands of land where prosperous residents built stately homes. The Great Depression slowed the Fort Lauderdale economy, but it took off again after World War II with an invasion of tourists and new residents, particularly military men who had trained here.

The population boom adversely influenced the landscape and culture of the area. Of course, most of the old buildings have been replaced in typical Florida fashion by the new and youthful. One thing hasn't really changed—the New River is still the focus of the city and it has just the right name, too.

What To See and Do

Fort Lauderdale does not lack for diversions—whether it's beaches or watersports, shopping or nightlife, you'll find it here and plenty of it. Many of the marinas are resorts in themselves, replete with swimming pools, tennis courts and activities, such as diving, snorkeling and fishing. As crowded as it might appear, Fort Lauderdale is easy to get around, especially by boat.

The best way to experience the flavor this city of canals is via the Water Taxi (954-467-6677). Informative captains give smart answers to questions, plus colorful narrations of

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life along the ICW and New River while ushering you from here to there. To get a bird's eye view of the sights in town, visit the Convention and Visitors Bureau (954-765-4466) in Port Everglades. They have maps and brochures of all area attractions and events. You can also call the Greater Fort Lauderdale Activity Line (954-527-5600) for updates on events and nighttime entertainment, and other tourist information.

Around the corner from Port Everglades and just a few blocks from the Marriott and Pier 66 are numerous shopping centers and restaurants on 17th Street. The 17th Street Quay features several boutiques, a restaurant, and a nifty gourmet grocery. Boaters needing charts and marine-related books must visit the neighboring Southport Mall, where Bluewater Books & Charts offers a voluminous selection.

Head to Fort Lauderdale's most famous attraction: the beach. The university throngs that once ruled this area are gone, but you'll still find bars, clubs and surf shops lining the non-beach side of Route A1A. Some like to stroll here in the late afternoon or evening after the scorching sun has passed; others prefer the high-noon activity of watching scantily clad in-line skaters, joggers and others cruising the strip.

Bathing suit displays at the International Swimming Hall of Fame (954-462-6536) are less racy, but nonetheless provocative. No. More racy, but less provocative. No—well, you get the point. Swimwear has definitely progressed from the days of long, woolen sleeves and stockings! A block off the beach and adjacent to the Hall of Fame Marina, this is a good place to go when a passing rain shower kicks you off the sand and you want to kill an hour or so. Unfortunately, limited interpretation deprives non-swimmers from truly grasping the accomplishments of the athletes honored.

If you're looking to entertain the kids, head for the Museum of Discovery and Science and the Blockbuster 3D IMAX Theater (954-467-6637), a hands-on, thrill-filled exhibition along the banks of the New River. Determined to make learning about science fun, the museum dares children to discover new worlds.

Follow up the excitement with a relaxing stroll or lunch on the brick Riverwalk, a New River gathering place for picnickers, walkers, joggers and business people taking a break from downtown duties. This is Fort Lauderdale's cultural and archival center, bookended on the western side by Cooley's Landing (954-468-1626), and on the eastern edge by the Stranahan House (954-524-4736), a hundred-year-old trading post and travelers' lodge that's now a museum.



The 17th Street Bridge will be replaced in the new millenium with a taller struture. © Embassy

Between these historic sites are several notable spots. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts (954-462-0222) hosts a busy schedule of Florida Philharmonic Orchestra shows, recitals, plays and children's programs. Nearby, the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art (954-525-5500) features frequent new exhibits to highlight their permanent displays.

If that doesn't grab you, how about diving into a dinosaur pit? Well, actually, "The Pit" is the name of the gift shop at the Graves Museum of Archaeology and Natural History (954-925-7770) in Dania. Fossils and dinosaur displays bring you back to ancient times, but a short time in The Pit with the kids can also send you back, financially that is. If you're not careful, the same thing can happen to *su dinero* at the Dania Jai Alai Fronton (954-426-4330) on Dania Beach Boulevard. Jai alai season runs during the winter.

For a more affordable option, take the family to Dania Park Beach, although you'll still have to pay to venture out on the fishing pier here, even if you're not fishing. On the north side of the pier, the John U. Lloyd State Recreation Area fuses several environments into one park: cedar forest, mangrove swamp and sandy beachfront. Small boats can reach the park from the ICW via Whiskey Creek, so named for the bootleggers who frequented this area during Prohibition. At the northernmost end of the beach is a manmade jetty that marks the entrance to Port Everglades. This is a popular spot with the fishermen and a great place to take photographs of th pilot boats and tugs meeting their commercial colleagues.

Most of Dania's attractions are on Dania Beach Boulevard and U.S. Route 1, just mile or so from the canal marinas. If you plan to stay for a few days, we recommend renting a car, so you can access the Fort Lauderdale attractions at any time. Otherwise you'll have to take a taxi. A bike would be really helpful around Dania, but we couldn't find a place to rent one.



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Restaurants and Provisions

The local saying “if you can’t find it in Fort Lauderdale, you can’t find it anywhere” is mostly true. The city boasts a large quantity and variety of good eateries, and since many of the best are located on the canals or along the ICW, you can reconnoiter the scene by boat or Water Taxi.

For an evening overlooking the beach and ICW, dine at Bahia Mar (954-764-2233), where a casual setting and moderately priced menu complement the spectacular view. Carouse on the outside deck at nearby RJ's Landing (954-763-5502) to hear tales of big engines and big fish. Make sure you have enough to drink when ordering the jambalaya or anything spicy. Close by is the always popular Coconuts (954-467-6788), where we go to watch the sunset and throw scraps to the pelicans hanging out on the patio.

In Port Everglades, Burt & Jack's (954-522-5225) is a distinctive, yet seemingly out-of-place, establishment that's all the rave. While it's a sophisticated place to watch cruise ships navigating Port Everglades, this dockside restaurant has no tie-ups, save for submarine, Navy ships or Burt Reynolds' boat. Yes, the "Bandit" is one of the owners. Hats off; jackets required.

On 17th Street you'll find a string of fast-food joints, international restaurants, shops, banks with ATMs, and grocery stores. The International Gourmet Market (954-523-1400) across the street from the 17th Street Quay boasts upscale provisions (everything from seafood and meats to pastries and champagne) and they offer catering and delivery. For traditional groceries, head to the Publix in the neighboring Southport Shopping Center. The butchers at

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17	Cooley's Landing Marine Facility	BOAT/U.S. 954-761-5423	9	38		Y	100	6	6	FP	★▲50	R											All		P	MVA	
18	Summerfield Boat Works Inc.	SEA/TOW 954-525-4726	16	9	8	Y	100	9	8	F	★▲50		L70	PRGWF								L	RSP		P	MVD	
19	River Bend Marina	954-523-1832			20	Y	120	12	12	F	★▲100	L	CL75	PRGD WFE								MG	RS		P	MV	
20	Lauderdale Yacht Basin	954-522-3655				Y	100	12	12	F	★▲50	L	L70	All									RSL		P	MV	
21	Broward Marine	954-522-1701	16		40	Y	200	20	10	P	★▲200	L	RL200	All	D								R			MA	
22	Jackson Marine Center	BOAT/U.S. SEA/TOW 954-792-4900			5	Y	70	6	6	F	★▲50		L70	PGDFE	G	Tex	MI	RS							P	All	
23	MARINA BAY RESORT & YACHT CENTER	954-791-7600 p. 461	16	9	25	Y	165	25	25	All	★▲200	D											RSL	All	All	All	
24	ROLLY MARINE SERVICE	954-583-5300 p. 463				Y	130	10	8	F	★▲	L	L	PDWFE								M	R		P		
25	Hurricane Harbor Yacht Center & Boatyard	954-583-7545		10		Y	115	9	7	FP	★▲100	L	L75	PSRD WFE											P	MVA	
26	New River Marina	954-584-2500	16			Y	80	12	8	F	★▲50		L70	All								M	All		P	MVA	
27	Paigo Bros. Marine	954-587-6400		5	3	Y	60	10	7	F	★▲50	RL	L25	PGDWF									RS				
28	Roscioli Yachting Center	954-581-9200			8	Y	130	10	10	All	★▲50	L	L250	All	D								RSP		P	MV	
29	Bradford Marine	954-791-3800	8			Y	170			All	★▲50	RD	L	PGDWF	GD								RSP		P		
30	PANYAN BAY MARINA	BOAT/U.S. 954-893-0004 p. 466	16			Y	40	6	8	F	★▲50	L	L9	PGDWF									MB	All		P	MVA
31	Thunderboat Marina/A Westrec Marina	954-963-2660		15		Y	45	6	5	F	★▲30	L	L6	PRGDWF	GD	Cit	R								P	All	
32	Harbour Towne Marina/A Westrec Marina	954-926-0300	16	9	30	Y	130	12	10	All	★▲50	RL	L90		GD	Tex	MGIB	All							PR	All	

Information in these listings is provided by the facilities themselves. An asterisk (*) indicates that the facility did not respond to our most recent requests for information. Refer to the tables at the end of this chapter for additional facilities.



Wrecks provide ideal living quarters for all types of sea life, including this gray angelfish. © Larry Benvenuti

Publix are well known for packaging meats for yachters with tight iceboxes.

You seafood lovers will delight in the Floribbean flavor (a Florida-Caribbean spicy combination of native foods) at La Marina, one of three restaurants at the Marriott (954-463-4000). Across the ICW at Pier 66, the trend-setting California Cafe (954-728-3500) features a lengthy and varied menu, while its brethren in the resort's tower offers an expansive cityscape.

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The New River holds a variety of culinary options such as Shirttail Charlie's (954-463-3474) and the Downtowner Steakhouse Saloon (954-463-9800). Both are convenient stops on the Water Taxi and are great places to watch river traffic.

If you'd like a break from the waterfront, take the free TMAX Minibus (954-761-3543) to historic Las Olas Boulevard. The coach-lamp-lit stretch of 15 blocks boasts numerous restaurants and is especially busy in the winter months. (Best to decide on an eatery before you get here and make a reservation). Mango's (954-523-5001) is so popular that the wait for a table can be nearly an hour on a weekday evening. Meticulous service at nearby Paesano (954-467-3266) draws people to this classic Italian restaurant. The food is excellent and the portions large, so loosen your belts when the dessert cart stops at your table.

Cruisers staying at the Dania Canal marinas will find plenty of provisions along Dania Beach Boulevard—there are two strip malls, one with a Winn-Dixie grocery store, banks and a couple of fast-food joints. Right at Harbour Towne Marina, Tugboat Annie's (954-925-3399) offers dockage for diners, but no stories from the "Saturday Evening Post," which made her namesake famous.

For an early dinner, head to the Fish Grill Restaurant (954-923-1001) on Dania Beach Boulevard, three blocks from the jai alai fronton. The lobster specials are a real bargain, but you must get there before 7 p.m. On the canal at Ravenswood Road, just south of the New River, you can dine dockside at the Rustic Inn Crabhouse (954-584-1637). The taste of the garlic crabs leaves a lasting impression, which may explain why the Rustic Inn ships them nationwide.

For more options, grab a dining guide at one of the visitors centers or pepper the Water Taxi captain with a few questions. If you need specific supplies or any assistance with your boat, ask around your marina. The volume of businesses serving the marine industry dwarfs the number of restaurants. Now this makes you believe the locals when they say, "You'll find everything you need here." This is especially noteworthy news for boaters heading to far-off places—generally the farther you get away from here, costs rise and supplies fall.

Navigation and Anchorages

Approaching Fort Lauderdale on the ICW

The Sunrise Boulevard Bridge (SM 1062.6) has a vertical clearance of 25 feet and will open on demand (refer to the Bridge Index at the beginning of this book for more information). Once past this bridge, you'll be approaching the heart of downtown Fort Lauderdale.

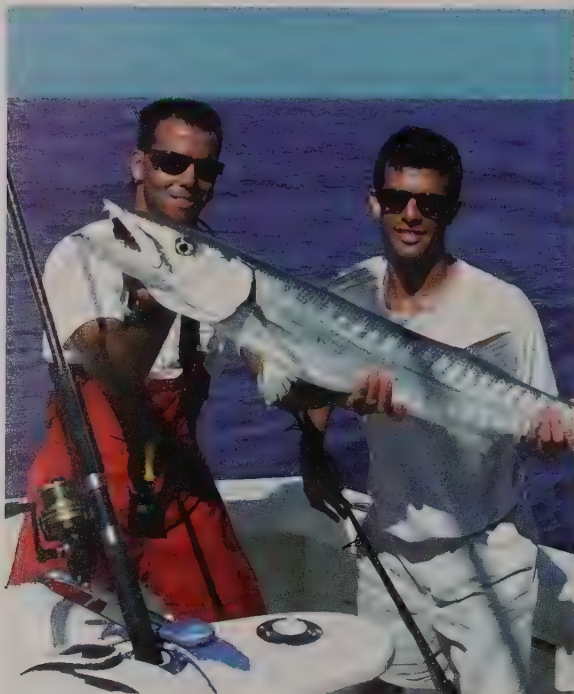
CAUTION: Keep a sharp eye out for posted speed limits—usually found 1500 feet before and after a bridge and around marinas. During manatee season, from November 15 to March 15, many of the canals (and sections of the ICW) without other restrictions also become No-Wake Zones.



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The ICW doglegs slightly to the east, south of Fl G 4s "3," until Fl G 4s "5," where it swings west again. Along this dogleg, you'll see the entrance to the Middle River to the west. This river has good deep water all the way up to Sunrise Boulevard Bridge (vertical clearance of only 5 feet). But you must watch for a shallow spot near G "1."

Back on the ICW, just north of the Las Olas Boulevard Bridge, you'll see the docks of the Birch/Las Olas Marine Facility, a Fort Lauderdale municipal marina, on the east shore. These docks continue south of the bridge, where the city also maintains an anchorage/mooring area on the west shore. There are about 10 moorings available for rent, but many are taken for long-term use. The city does allow boats to anchor in this area for 24 hours for a small fee. Just to be sure, call the dockmaster (VHF 9) beforehand. The soft ground makes for decent holding, but with its cramped quarters and all the passing ICW traffic, you may have a bumpy night. Once you've anchored, take your dinghy to the municipal marina for easy access to the attractions and restaurants near the beach.

The ICW to Port Everglades

The Las Olas Boulevard Bascule Bridge (SM 1064) has a 31-foot vertical clearance and should open on request, though you may have to wait for car traffic on occasion. South of this bridge, you'll be in downtown Fort Lauderdale—at least boater's downtown. The 2nm stretch of ICW from here to the 17th Street Bridge, known as the Miracle Mile, will dazzle even the most experienced cruisers with its many facilities and dream yachts.

Anchoring in **Lake Sylvia** is permitted for a maximum of 24 hours without charge. Don't try to enter or exit the lake via any channel other than the main one—the actual vertical clearances under the canal bridges around the lake are only about 3 feet.

Continuing south, the major marinas like Pier 66, Bahia Mar, Best Western Marina Inn, Lauderdale Marina, Hall of Fame Marina and the Marriott, among others, should have room for transient boats of all sizes. Call ahead to reserve a space. These places have more amenities than you can think of, all to make your stay comfortable.

CAUTION: *The channel splits at the R G "A." The ICW swings south toward Port Everglades, while the channel into the New River continues west. Junction marker "A" marks the tip of a large, triangular shoal that must be avoided. This area is locally known as Gilligan's Island—many careless crews sit here high and dry, contemplating the tides.*

If you're bypassing **New River** (which is discussed later), continuing south along the ICW, follow the markers until you see the 17th Street Bridge (SM 1065.9) dead ahead. This bridge is something of a landmark, splitting the ICW from the wider water of Port Everglades. It has a vertical clearance



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An aerial view looking southwest clearly shows the large shoal and spoil area on the north side of the entrance to Port Everglades. Also visible are the huge, red-and-white striped stacks of the power plant that can be seen from well offshore. Farther south (far left) is the entrance to the Dania Cut-off Canal, somewhat obscured by the large freighters. © Embassy

of 25 feet, with the draw opening on demand, except that from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., the draw only opens on the hour and half-hour. The current beneath this bridge can reach a swift 3 knots, making passage somewhat tricky at times. On weekends it is not uncommon to see dozens of boats attempting to clear the bridge in one opening. Also be aware of the ongoing construction of a new 17th Street Bridge just south of the current one.

Port Everglades

Expect lumpy water in Port Everglades—the current brings in rollers and passing boats create a serious chop. The speed limit is 30 mph, with a 15-inch height restriction on wakes, but many powerboats just roar through here on their way along the ICW or out to the ocean. The paths of traffic in such an open space can sometimes get confusing.

Coming in from the Atlantic, you'll see the huge, red-and-white striped stacks of the power plant, waiting on the horizon. These make an excellent landmark, leading you toward the harbor entrance, if not directly to the harbor. The approach officially begins at the Mo(A) WHISTLE RW "PE," though this is rather far offshore. The channel is then marked by a series of red and green flashers up to the breakwaters.

CAUTION: Follow the flashers closely when coming into Port Everglades. There is a large shoal and spoil area on the north and east sides on the approach from FL R 2.5s "2" to the breakers that small craft dangerously traverse. It has a charted depth of only 3 feet, but the Coast Guard warned us that it's much less.

Miami-bound boaters looking to avoid the bridges and slow-moving traffic of the ICW should consider the outside Atlantic route. Be sure to check the weather, winds and waves before making the outside run.

CAUTION: Sailboats with masts over 56 feet will not be able to pass under the fixed Julia Tuttle Causeway Bridge over the ICW in Miami and must use the outside Atlantic route to Miami.

South of the main turning basin in Port Everglades, the development around the numerous large shipping piers to the west contrasts sharply with the lush John U. Lloyd State Park to the east. The park has two wide, paved ramps just inside the entrance to Whiskey Creek, offering quick access to the Atlantic. Continuing south, you'll see three cargo cranes along a seemingly endless commercial dock



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on the west shore. Just to the south is the entrance to the Dania Cut-off Canal (SM 1068.6), marked by Q G "35." The canal has a few good-sized facilities for transients, but it's mostly a busy source of services ranging from dry-rack storage to shipbuilding. The best reason to stay here is the unencumbered access to the Atlantic.

Dania Cut-off Canal

The entrance of the Dania Cut-off Canal is often obscured from the north by several large freighters at the pier near the opening. When you enter, be careful of speeding vessels coming your way. The canal has deep water past the Harbour Towne Marina complex, until you reach the low, narrow, fixed bridge west of the Derecktor yard. Small boats that continue on should be aware that this bridge's opening is so narrow that it's limited to one-way traffic, and strong currents often cause large standing waves on the down-current side of the bridge. You'll find several facilities past the bridge, including Banyan Bay Marina. Watch for manatees in this area, as the shallow, warm water often attracts them.



Golden sunsets welcome cruisers on the Gold Coast. © Embassy

New River

Approaching New River from the north, take the starboard channel at R G "A" (SM 1065.1) and continue west, keeping green markers to port. Along the way, you'll pass the southern entrance from the ICW on your port side. If you're coming from the south, leave Fl R 4s "20" (SM 1065.5) to star-

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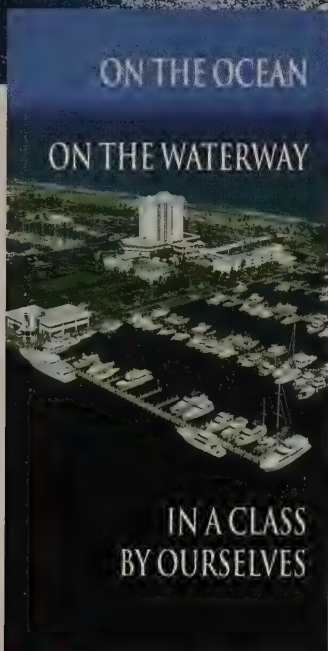
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board, then continue north into the entrance, keeping R "2" to starboard as well. The New River actually begins between FL R 4s "6" and G "5," and its entire length is a No-Wake Zone.

The banks of the river are graced with the finest old homes in town. The channel was dredged to 7 feet in 1986 and is well marked and easy to navigate.

The New River makes a slight bend where the Tarpon River enters from the south, across from R "12." The waters along the Tarpon are very shallow and can only be

explored by dinghy. After the Route 1 tunnel, you'll see Fort Lauderdale's municipal docks, a.k.a. New River Marine Facility, all along the south bank to the dockmaster's office (954-761-5423 or VHF 9) just before the Andrews Avenue Bascule Bridge.

Many boaters like to stay along the New River because they can watch the varied traffic pass; and the shops, restaurants and other attractions along Las Olas Boulevard are just a few minutes' walk to the northeast. While boat traffic can be heavy at times, you'll actually suffer little rocking, and it's quieter here than at many spots along Miracle Mile.

The New River meanders beneath several bridges that open on demand, except during rush hour (no openings 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday) the first bascule bridge—known as the S.E. Third Avenue Bridge—has a vertical clearance of only 16 feet. An overhead cable at the Andrews Avenue Bascule Bridge has a vertical clearance of 60 feet, limiting large sailing boats from further passage up the river. The bridge has a vertical clearance of 21 feet when closed. This draw will not open for boats heading upriver when the Florida East Coast Railroad Bascule Bridge, just beyond it, is closed for

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While most people sightsee and visit the restaurants via the convenient Water Taxi, some folks choose a different route. © Embassy

the Route 84 Bascule Bridge, 4.4nm along the river. This bridge has a vertical clearance of 16 feet and will open only on 24 hours' notice.

Looking at the chart, you'll see that the New River has several clusters of facilities, with everything from repair yards such as Rolly Marine Service and yacht builders to full-service marinas like Marina Bay Resort. So, if something needs to be fixed, or you simply want to get out of hustling and bustling Miracle Mile, Fort Lauderdale's New River will serve you well.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

Coast Guard: All stations monitor VHF 16

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

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train traffic. The railroad bridge (vertical clearance: 4 feet) runs on timeclocks, but the operator can override the bridge manually if the need arises. The same thing happens at the William H. Marshall Memorial Bridge when you're heading back down the river toward the ICW. The Marshall Memorial Bridge, which sits above Cooley's Landing, has a vertical clearance of 20 feet. Few cruising boats pass under



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There are two faces to Miami Beach: night and day. Be sure to see both. © Embassy

skaters, rich and poor, well-dressed and barely dressed—and you've only gone a block. Keep walking for more.

Restaurants and Provisions

Miami's multi-cultures present an extraordinary benefit to cruising boaters looking for a place to dine. Downtown abounds with restaurants, with the fanciest eateries at the major hotels. Most of the marinas, too, offer boaters an expansive variety of fare.

Bayside Marketplace's global galley includes a wide variety of Latin American cuisine, as well as a turn into Europe. Also at the complex, traditional American food lovers soft-up to the Hard Rock Cafe (305-377-3110). About two blocks south of the mall entrance, you can stock up on groceries at H&H Foodmarket (305-373-2041).

North of the Venetian Causeway on the Intracoastal, elegance is the order at the Biscayne Bay Marriott (305-536-6334). Here, Veronique's and the Bayside Oyster Bar restaurant treat you to a classy experience. Next door, visit the

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Plaza Venetia for convenient groceries at Joey's Deli (305-374-8680).

Miami Beach's most famous restaurant is Joe's Stone Crab (305-673-0365), which has been on Biscayne Street since this town was one road and a lot of sand dunes. As you walk closer to the Art Deco District, you'll find a large pharmacy, small grocery stores, fast food joints, delicatessens, and banks with ATMs.

Guests of North Bay Landing on Treasure Island are just a stone's throw from a veritable restaurant row. Italian, French, Thai, Japanese and American cuisines are available on the North Bay islands. The most famous is Benihana (305-866-2766); next door, Billy's on the Bay (305-866-9038) specializes in stone crabs. The North Bay Village commercial strip also has several supermarkets, pharmacies, and banks.

Navigation and Anchorages

Miami Beach—East (Beach) Passage

South of the Broad Causeway (SM 1081.3), you can split from the ICW and travel down the western shore of Miami Beach for access to transient facilities and eventually Government Cut. If you take this route to Government Cut, be aware that the eastern end of the Julia Tuttle Causeway has a fixed span with only 35 feet of clearance.

From G "15" (SM 1081.7), head south to east of Fl R 4s 16ft "2." Give this mark a wide berth. Bigger boats can anchor in the deep water between Biscayne Point and the Bay Harbor Islands, but there are no facilities nearby. There's good hold and it's comfortable, except in westerly winds.

Just beyond the Eastern 79th Street Causeway Bridge, between Normandy and Treasure Island, you'll see the full-service North Bay Landing Marina. Entering the marina can be tricky, especially with heavy currents.

Continue along the southern side of Normandy Isle, which leads to Indian Creek. Indian Creek has groups of slips that accept transients, some of them maintained by the hotels across Collins Avenue.

South of the Julia Tuttle Causeway (vertical clearance: 56 feet) you'll find Sunset Harbor Marina. From here, you can head west along the northern side of the Venetian Islands to get back to the ICW if need be.

Pass under the Venetian Causeway Bascule Bridge (vertical clearance: 8 feet) and you'll come to the MacArthur Causeway fixed span (vertical clearance: 35 feet) between Belle and Rivo Alto isles.

South on the ICW

South of Broad Causeway (1081.3) the ICW is mostly a straight ditch, well marked and easy to navigate. You'll see a

series of spoil islands along the way, some with picnic tables, grills, trash barrels and even thatched shelters, as well as piers where you can dock temporarily.

Just south of G "21," on the eastern side, you will see a small channel leading through the spoil islands toward Harbor Island (SM 1083.4), with 5 feet of water. Gutsy captains, or those who are piloting true shallow-draft vessels, can try this route. Inside the two arms of Harbor Island, you will find 6 feet of water leading to the Racquet Club Hotel and Marina.

Back on the ICW, south of green "25," a channel runs along the 79th Street Causeway (SM 1084.6), leading to Pelican Harbor Park and Marina.

The western 79th Street Causeway Bascule Bridge has a vertical clearance of 25 feet and should open on demand. South of the bridge opening, you will see the public ramps to the east, just before SM 1085.

Also at SM 1085 and west of green "27" you will see the entrance to the Little River, along which are several facilities. Some of these places accept transients, but not necessarily for short-term dockage.

The Julia Tuttle Causeway (SM 1087.2) with its 56-foot fixed bridge is the next major landmark. North of the causeway, an unmarked channel, best left to local knowledge, runs east to Miami Beach. A better choice is 1.5nm south, just before the Venetian Causeway.

A deep, well-marked channel hugs the north side of the Venetian. Keep an eye out for submerged pilings, especially the vast piling field opposite Di Lido Island. These are clearly visible and marked, but be aware. The Biscayne Bay Marriott Marina sits on the northwest side of the Venetian Causeway. Where this channel meets the eastern run between the Venetian Islands and the Julia Tuttle Causeway, you will find Sunset Harbor Marina. The land along the beach between the islands and the causeway is privately owned.

The bascule bridge between Bell Isle and Rivo Alto has a vertical clearance of only 9 feet, but it opens on demand via VHF 9. South of this bridge, you can make your way into Government Cut. This course is restricted to vessels that can pass under the 35-foot fixed bridge on the Eastern MacArthur Causeway, just before the Coast Guard base and Miami Beach Marina.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

Coast Guard: All Stations monitor VHF 16

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

Radio Telephone:



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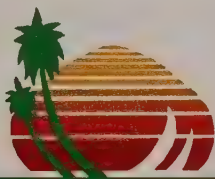
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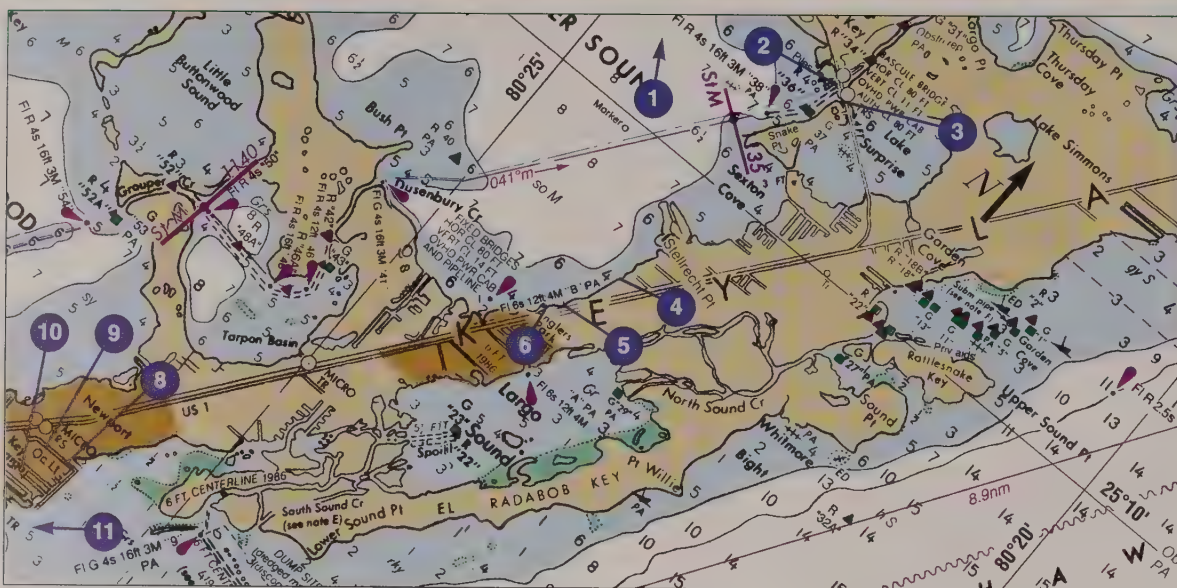
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KEY LARGO



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Key Largo's original tourists, the Spaniards, named the place "Cayo Largo," meaning "long island." At about 30 miles, it's the longest in the Florida Keys chain. Nevertheless, Key Largo was no paradise earlier this century. Mosquitoes and sand flies bred like bunnies, and of

course, there was no air conditioning. A successful, self-sufficient township seemed to be merely a Key lime pie-in-the-sky, but the land developers stuck it out. Their perseverance paid off. These days, honeymooners, retirees, and scuba divers flock to Key Largo.

DOCKAGE		SERVICES		SUPPLIES		AMENITIES	
Marine Facilities and Services		All Coast Guard Stations Monitor VHF Channel 16		SAILMAKERS See page 430		MasterCard / VISA / Discover / AmEx	
Barefoot Cay Marina		SEA/TOW		Hookups: Fresh Water, Phone, Cable TV		Marine / Groceries / Ice / Fuel	
Manatee Bay Marine		SEA/TOW		Approach Depth in Feet at MLW		Restrooms / Showers / Laundry / Pumpout	
Point Laura Campground & Marina		SEA/TOW		Seasonal / Year-round		Gas / Diesel Fuel	
Gilbert's Marina		SEA/TOW		Number of Transient Mooring Berths		Public Phone / Restaurant / Snack Bar	
Anchorage Resort & Yacht Club		SEA/TOW		Working VHF Channel		Hotel / Pool / Tennis / Golf	
Rowell's Marina		SEA/TOW		Monitors VHF Channel		Fuel Brand	
Italian Fisherman Marina		SEA/TOW		110V • 220V • 3 Phase		RSL	
Neptune's Hideaway		SEA/TOW		Ramp / Dinghy Dock		M	
Garden Cove Marina		BOAT/U.S.		Repairs: Propeller / Sail / Rigging		ILC	
Best Western Suites and Marina at Key Largo		BOAT/U.S.		Diesel / Wood / Fiberglass / Electronics		RSL	
Key Largo Harbour Marina		BOAT/U.S.		Launch Capacity (tons)		HP	
Marina Del Mar Resort		BOAT/U.S.		Maximum Amps		P	
Ocean Bay Marina		SEA/TOW		All		All	

Information in these listings is provided by the facilities themselves. An asterisk (*) indicates that the facility did not respond to our most recent requests for information. Refer to the tables at the end of this chapter for additional facilities.

What To See and Do

Welcome to the Sport-Diving Kingdom. From Christ of the Abyss to Jules Undersea Lodge, the world's only underwater hotel, there's a whole watery wonderland to explore.

John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park (305-451-1202) encompasses over 56,000 acres of ocean and land. Dive or snorkel, walk the nature trails, swim, sun, or rent a kayak, canoe, or sailboard. For indoor entertainment, visit the Maritime Museum of the Florida Keys (305-451-6444), offering a fascinating array of coins, jewelry, utensils, and parts of ships recovered from Davy Jones' Locker.

Restaurants and Provisions

Don't leave Key Largo without a meal at the memorable Fish House (305-451-4665) or Crack'd Conch (305-451-0732), both fine places to exercise your appetite with jumbo portions of seafood. Coconuts (305-453-9794), at Marina Del Mar, is a happening night spot and restaurant with a fishing theme.

Bayside boaters, break out your best threads and head to the Quay (305-451-0943) to peruse a menu in the coppery light of sunset. Or dock and dine bayside at Italian Fisherman (305-451-4471), Gus' Grille (305-453-0000), or Sundowners on the Bay (305-451-4502). For provisioning, you'll find all the shopping you'll need along Route 1.

Navigation and Anchorages

Hawk Channel

South of Pumpkin Creek, you'll see a dredged channel (7-foot depth) leading into Ocean Reef Harbor, on the north-eastern tip of Key Largo. Begin your approach at R "24," east of Angelfish Creek, between G "27" and Carysfort Reef Light Fl(3) 60s 100ft 13M.

Largo Sound lies inside El Radabob Key and is home to Pennekamp Park's headquarters. Anchoring is not allowed in Largo Sound, but Pennekamp Park has 15 moorings in the southwest section of the harbor. Stay south of Fl R 4s 16ft 4M "2" and give it a wide berth to avoid Lower Sound Point's shallows. Head for Fl G 4s 16ft 3M "9," then swing north into the creek. Don't cut north of Fl R 4s 16ft 4M "2" when entering South Sound Creek.

You'll find several transient facilities south of Largo Sound. Rodriguez Key, about 3.2nm southwest of Mosquito Bank, is an ideal anchorage.

Intracoastal Waterway

This route has two bridges of note: the fixed Card Sound Bridge (vertical clearance: 65 feet) and the Jewfish Creek Bascule Bridge (vertical clearance: 11 feet when closed). It creek opens on the hour and half-hour.

If you're looking to anchor north of Card Bank, head for Pumpkin Key, southwest of the outlet of Angelfish Creek. Anchor on the leeward side. You may also anchor at the southeast part of Card Sound, near Jew Point.



Glass-bottom tours are very popular in Pennekamp State Park. © Embassy

Once through the passage into Barnes Sound, at Fl R 6s 16ft 3M "26" (SM 1127.5), you can find a good overnight anchorage on the eastern side of the sound, at the outlet of Steamboat Creek. Watch for shoaling. Fl G 4s 16ft 4M "29" at the entrance to Jewfish Creek is hard to pick out from the surrounding mangroves. The vicinity of Largo Point near Jewfish Creek is a pleasant spot to drop anchor.

You'll find numerous facilities inside Division Point on the southwest side of Barnes Sound. Once under the Jewfish Creek Bascule Bridge, you'll enter Blackwater Sound. You can find it all here: facilities, good holding, and fine fishing. The best hold is near Anglers Park on the southeast side, southwest of Stellrecht Point. The numerous facilities are found on the eastern side of the sound.

Smaller vessels can take advantage of Lake Surprise, a well-protected anchorage southeast of the bridge. Enter the lake from Fl R 4s 16ft 3M "38," by going southwest of Snake Point and turning northeast into Sexton Cove. Don't attempt this passage without local knowledge and a detailed chart.

Once through the narrow, winding Dusenberry Creek, follow the markers as you make your way into Tarpon Basin. Tarpon Basin can be deceiving: it's wide, but shallow. Pay attention to the markers.

Though Buttonwood Sound offers good protection from the wind, the grassy bottom makes for a less-than-ideal hold. From here, you can head into the backcountry—Florida Bay. This, too, is not recommended without local knowledge.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

Coast Guard: All stations monitor VHF 16

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Radio Telephone:

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Tow Service:

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MARATHON

Pack away all your fancy clothing: you're in the "Heart of the Keys." Here the pace of life is slow, good weather is a year-long companion, and fishing is the major religion.

Whether you came for Bahia Honda's beaches, the fertile ocean and bay waters, or the sunny skies, you'll be glad you're here. Keep that suitcase unpacked and enjoy Marathon until your heart's content—in the Heart of the Keys.

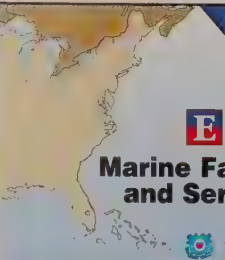
What To See and Do

Head for the Greater Marathon Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center (305-743-5417) on the eastern side of Vaca Cut for some direction in how to spend your visit. Sunsets are a ritual among the Keys' citizens, rousing applause when Ol' Sol finally waves goodnight.

Natural beaches are a rarity along the coral Keys, but don't tell that to this archipelago—there are three for you to enjoy. You'll find two spectacular beaches within the 524 acres of Bahia Honda State Park (305-872-2353). The other is Sombrero Beach.



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  Marine Facilities and Services All Coast Guard Stations Monitor VHF Channel 16			DOCKAGE			SERVICES			SUPPLIES			AMENITIES			 See page 130													
			Number of Working VHF Channel Monitors	Transient Moorings	Year-round	Fresh Water	Depth in Feet at MLW	3 Phase	Rail / Lift / Crane	Diesel / Wood	Repairs: Propeller / Sail / Fiberglass	Marine / Groceries / Ice	Restrooms / Showers	Public Phone / Restaurant / Snack Bar				Hotel / Pool / Tennis / Golf										
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2	Candlelight Bay Marina & Boat Storage	305-743-9334				Y	40 8 8				R	T	All			RS		All										
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4	Seven Mile Marina (Turn Key Marina)	305-743-2502				Y	30 4	F	★30		L	PGFE				R		MVA										
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6	Pancho's Fuel Dock	SEA/VOW 305-743-2281	16			Y	6 10	F	★30				GD		IB	R	P	All										
6	Pinellas Marina & Dive Center	305-743-5317	16	10	2	Y	100 12	All	★▲■50	D			GD	Cit	MG/IB	All		R										
7	Faro Blanco Marine Resort Oceanside	305-743-9018	16	9	25	Y	120 7 8	All	★▲50	R		All				All	All	All										
7	Marathon Boat Yard	305-743-6341	16	9		Y	68 18 18	F	★▲		L60	All			M	RS		MVA										
8	Sombrero Marina	305-743-0000	16	9	3+	Y	85 7 10	All	★▲50	D			G		I	RSL		PS										
9	Cannon Marine	305-289-0505	16	68		Y	40+ 22 22	All		RD	L6	All			M	R		All										
10	Sombrero Resort & Lighthouse Marina	305-743-2250	16	10	2	Y	100 7 12	All	★▲50	R					I	RSL	HPT	All										

If you troll down the Pigeon Key Bridge, you'll find a small island paradise you'll wish was all your own—Pigeon Key. If your feet are screaming at the thought of another step, a trolley leaves from the Pigeon Key Visitors Center on Knight Key on the hour.

Restaurants and Provisions

As you'd expect, Marathon's easygoing attitude permeates its eateries. Herbie's (305-743-6373), a local watering hole since the 1940s, will surely please you with items like spicy conch chowder and fritters.

The Hurricane Raw Bar (305-743-5755) has a comfortable setting, replete with pool tables and good, cheap grub. You may also rack 'em up while you dine at Gary's Pub & Billiards (305-743-0622), another game room/restaurant with nearly a dozen pool tables.

Beef lovers should mosey on down to Silverado's Steak House & Saloon (305-743-5600) for an elegant feel of the old west. Faro Blanco's array of restaurants will satisfy any crew. There's Kelsey's (305-743-9018), one of the nicest restaurants on this key, and Crocodile on the Water (305-743-9018), where you can peruse the eclectic menu out on the porch in that famous Keys weather.

Provisioning is easy in Marathon, thanks to two supermarkets and numerous convenience stores. A Kmart and plenty of marine supply shops and hardware stores will fill your other needs.

Navigation and Anchorages

Sister Creek

When your vessel lines up between East Washerwoman Shoal Fl G 36ft 5M "49" and the antennas on Boot Key, it's time to head for shore. Set a course of 332nm to enter the southern entrance to Boot Key Harbor, through Sister Creek, marked by Fl R 4s 16ft 3M "2" and daybeacons. Sister Creek snakes through Boot Key, a labyrinth of narrow, mangrove-lined passages ideal for exploring by dinghy only. The reported depth of 5 feet dead ends and shallows out quickly.

Boot Key Harbor

Larger vessels should enter the Boot Key Harbor via the western entrance, south of Knight Key. Pick up Fl G 4s 16ft 4M "1," and a marked channel with about 7 feet of water will lead you into Boot Key Harbor. Crossing the entrance is a 24-foot-high bascule bridge and 65-foot-high power cables.

Boot Key Harbor is probably the most popular anchorage in all the Florida Keys. Within the harbor, facilities offer fuel, slips, moorings, and access to all that's happening along U.S. Route 1 in Marathon. Once anchored, contact a dockmaster at one of the many marinas and boatyards, or head to one of the waterside restaurants within the harbor to see if you may come ashore.



Looking southeast over Knight Key. In the foreground, boats travel in the unmarked, but deep, Knight Key Channel and under the Seven-Mile Bridge. Boot Key and Boot Key Harbor sit in the background with the rest of Marathon to the left. © Embassy/J.E. Clark

If the harbor is packed but you really feel like anchoring, the area just south of Knight Key will suffice. With 8 to 10 feet of water at low tide, it has good holding and is fairly well protected except in a southerly wind.

From the ICW

Cross though Moser or Knights channel and curl into Boot Key Harbor.

CAUTION: Don't go ripping under this section of the bridge without checking where the fishermen are dropping their lines. First, you'll make the anglers quite angry. Second, monofilament doesn't feel all that good across the face at 30 knots.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

Coast Guard: All stations monitor VHF 16

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

Radio Telephone:



MARITEL VHF: 27

Marine Communications System 888-MARITEL (888-627-4835)

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KEY WEST

Rarely does a destination proudly strive to live up to a cachet as a gluttonous, gangbusting getaway—or gateway. Of course, it's this rakish reputation that has made Key West famous since it was settled by pirates in the 1820s.

Writer Ernest Hemingway and singer Jimmy Buffett are among the notable artists who've heralded the island's excessive imbibing and free-wheeled spirits. Their words (and personal experiences) glamorized a place that has been a magnet for bizarre characters. The effect has been overwhelming popularity for a 2-by-4-mile scrap of fossilized coral, and to use Buffett's lingo, a change in attitude from those earlier times.

What To See and Do

While you may believe Key West is about wasting away on margaritas, the island is more about celebrated history than revelry. You'll have to engage in both to appreciate the special character, and characters, of the place.

The old chandlery in Mallory Square now houses the Chamber of Commerce (305-294-2587), where you'll find bundles of brochures on the town's attractions, entertainment, and restaurants. Your first evening, or



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			Hookups: Fresh Water / Phone / Cable TV			Rail / Lift / Crane / Trailer Capacity (tons)			Restrooms / Showers / Laundry / Pumpout		
			Docks/depth in Feet at MLW			Ramp / Dinghy Dock / Launch Service			Public Phone / Restaurant / Snack Bar		
			Approach Depth in Feet at MLW						MasterCard / VISA / Discover / AMEX		
			Seasonal / Year-round						Hotel / Pool / Tennis / Golf		
			Number of Transient Mooring Berths						Fuel Brand		
			Working VHF Channel						Gas / Diesel Fuel		
			Monitors VHF Channel						Marine / Rigging / Gas		
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A famous Key West sunset. You'll marvel at the enthusiasm for this daily occurrence. © Embassy

every evening, must include the ritualistic sunset celebration. Whatever you do, bring the camera.

Although it's easy to walk or rent a bike (or scooter) to get around, take the Conch Train (305-294-5161) or the Old Town Trolley (305-296-6688) for an overall perspective, then revisit the sites, such as the Mel Fisher Maritime Heritage Society Museum (305-294-2633) and Hemingway House (305-294-1575).

Restaurants and Provisions

Boaters looking for a bite in Key West Bight should stroll over to Harborwalk, a waterside village embraced by a weathered, nautical atmosphere. Visit Half Shell Raw Bar (305-294-7496) to flavor the charm. Harried types can crawl over to its sister restaurant next door, Turtle Kraals (305-294-2640). Acquaint yourself with other boaters at Schooner Wharf Bar (305-292-9520), around the corner.

You can't discuss libations without mentioning Hemingway's favorite, Sloppy Joe's (305-294-5717) on Duval Street. While you can back up your drinks with a meal, you'll find most people come for t-shirts and to walk, weave, or fall down on the same floor Hemingway did in the 1930s. The original Sloppy Joe's was located where today's Captain Tony's (305-294-1838) sits on Green Street. Another popular tavern is Hog's Breath Saloon (305-292-2032), where inexpensive, classic American fare is washed down with the house brew.

The most famous pub (at least by name) is now Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville (305-292-1435). If you'd rather mimic

a local, nestle up to nearby Green Parrot Bar (305-294-6133), a favorite of yore that's changed little, or B.O.'s Fish Wagon (305-294-9272), famous for great grub and key limeade.

Garrison Bight guests should sample the American fare at Harbor Lights Seafood & Raw Bar (305-294-2727). Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, this waterside restaurant features a great view and take-out, too. Nearby on U.S. 1, you'll find several fast-food restaurants, plus a Winn-Dixie supermarket (305-294-0491), department stores, pharmacies, hardware stores, banks with ATMs, and marine supplies and services.

Oceanside Marina visitors on Stock Island don't have to leave the facility for a first-class meal at the Sailfish Club (305-292-8439). Appropriately named, the restaurant has a casual elegance that's perfected by friendly fishermen, and women, who share tales of world-record catches. Although the island does have a few small groceries, bank, and pizza shop, you may want to head via bus, scooter, or cab to Key West for full provisioning.

Navigation and Anchorages

Main Ship Channel

Coming from the south, through the Straits of Florida, you can pick up the Main Ship Channel at Mo(A) WHISTLE RW "KW," or farther north at Fl R 4s BELL "2." While there is plenty of water south of Key West, we strongly recommend you use Main Ship Channel to avoid the reefs north of the Straits of Florida. This deep channel has a controlling depth of 30 feet at mltw into Key West Bight and is used by commercial carriers coming from Latin America and Gulf of Mexico ports.



Looking northeast over Key West. Fort Zachary Taylor's Beach lies on the southern shore (foreground). To the left of the fort is a basin that was once home to the Truman Annex Naval Air Station. Busy Key West Harbor should be approached with care. © Embassy

Southwest Channel

The deep Southwest Channel begins with Mo(A) WHISTLE RW "SW." Swept clear to a depth of at least 23 feet, this channel is off limits to vessels exceeding 150 feet because it is part of the Key West National Wildlife Refuge and the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

Northwest Channel

Coming from the north, you must use the Northwest Channel and navigate it from the beginning at Fl G 3.5s BELL "1." Jetties border both sides of this entrance, and only the east rocks are exposed at mlw.

Don't cross the unmarked Middle Ground and Frankfort Bank to the east. Shoaling and shallow spots come up quickly. As you pass Middle Ground and approach exclusive and private Tank Island, you will see dozens of boats at anchor. The preferred—and recommended—anchorage is north of Wisteria Island, a.k.a. Christmas Tree Island, which must be approached once you've passed Fl G 4s 16ft "19." Don't anchor south of this mark because you'll still be in the channel and the turning basin.

Key West Harbor

North of Q R "14" in the Main Ship Channel and south of Tank Island is Key West Harbor Range, the busiest passage in all the keys. This is not the time to have an inexperienced captain at the helm.

As you approach Fl R 4s 16ft "2," just off the Hyatt Hotel piers, you officially enter Key West Bight Channel. You must run parallel to the breakwall to the south and approach Key West Bight at Q FL R 16ft "4," opposite the Coast Guard Station's southern piers. The Bight has 12 feet at mlw, and is very busy, not to mention jam-packed. The piers jutting out from the marinas practically abut one another. Ask the appropriate dockmaster to give you a description of the vessel or vessels at the end of the pier where you're heading. This should help put you in the right direction. Do not anchor in Key West Bight.

Shoreside and Emergency Services

Coast Guard: Key West (305-296-9700)

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

Radio Telephone:



MARITEL

Marine Communications System

VHF: 26, 84

888-MARITEL (888-627-4835)

Tow Service:



—Key West (305-295-0096)

TowBOAT/U.S.—24-Hour Dispatch (800-391-4869)

DOCKAGE		SERVICES		SUPPLIES		AMENITIES		See page 430	
Marine Facilities and Services		All Coast Guard Stations Monitor VHF Channel 16		110V • 220V • 3 Phase		Repairs: Propeller / Sail / Rigging / Gas		MasterCard / VISA / Discover / AmEx	
Number of Transient Berths		Hookups: Fresh Water / Phone / Cable TV		Diesel / Lift / Crane / Trailer Capacity (tons)		Marine / Groceries / Electronics		Public Phone / Restaurant / Snack Bar	
Working VHF Channel		Approach Depth in Feet at M.L.W.		Ramp / Dinghy Dock / Launch Service		Gas / Diesel Fuel		Hotel / Pool / Tennis / Golf	
Monitors VHF Channel		Seasonal / Year-round		Maximum L.O.A.		Fuel Brand		LP / LPG / CNG	
St. Marys Entrance to Jacksonville (see also Fernandina Beach Harbor Highlight)									
1	Clapboard Creek Marina	904-757-1135		2	Y 17 15 15	F ★30	L18		R P
1	Mayport Marine	904-246-8929	16	8	Y 200 35 35	F ★50	L L7	GD Tex MIB RS	P MVA
1	Sandollar Marina	904-251-2449	16	4	Y 125 10 5	F ★30		I	All All
2	Lamb's Yacht Center	904-384-5577	16	10	Y 100 7 7	F ★50		All GD Tex MI RS	P MVA
2	Ortega River Boat Yard BOAT/U.S.	904-387-5538	16	10	Y 60 6 6	F ★50	R L25	All GD Chev MI RSL	P MV
2	Ortega Yacht Club Marina	904-389-1199	16	10	Y 65 6 6	FP ★50	D L25 PGDWFE	GD Tex RS P	
2	Pier 68 Marina SEA/TOW BOAT/U.S.	904-765-9925	16	10	Y 100 6 6	FP ★30	RD L30	All GD Cit	All P All
2	River City Marina	904-398-7918	16	12	Y 65 8 8	F ★50		GD I RSL	PR All
2	Saddler Point Marina	904-384-1383	16	5	Y 65 6 6	F ★50	L25 PGDWFE	G 66 M RS	P
2	Seafarer's Marina	904-756-8152	16	5	Y 55 13 13	All ★30	D PGDWFE	I All	PR MV
Tolomato River to Ponce de León Inlet (see also St. Augustine and Daytona Harbor Highlights)									
3	Beach Marine	904-248-8200	16		Y 130 6 6	FP ★▲50		All GD I	All PR MVA
3	Jacksonville Yacht Basin	904-223-4757	16 68	5	Y 4 6 6	All ★30	L6 PGE	G Tex I R	R MVA
3	Pablo Creek Marina	904-221-4228	16		Y 65 6 6	F ★▲50	L150	All GD MI RSL	All MVA
4	Hammock Marine and Boatworks	904-445-6400	16		Y		R L8 PGDFW	GD MGBI	P MV
4	Marineland Marina	904-471-0087	16	10	Y 120 7 6	FP ★50	RDL	GD Cit MI RSL HP	All All
4	Palm Coast Marina BOAT/U.S.	904-446-6370	16	20	Y 165 8 10	All ★▲50	RL	GD Tex MGBI	All All All All
5	Flagler Bridge Marina	904-439-0081	16	5	Y 30 3 3		R T8	All M	MV
5	Sim-Par, Inc. Marina	904-439-2616	16 68	4	Y 45 6 6	F ★▲50	D		RSL P MVD
6	Adventure Yacht Harbor	904-756-2180	16 18	10	Y 65 6 6	FP ★50		GD She MGI	RSL PR MVD
6	Seven Seas Marina & Boatyard	904-761-3221	16 71	10	Y 50 6 12	F ★▲50	LC PDWF	GD She MI RSL	S MVD
New Smyrna to Cocoa Beach									
7	Cameron's Marina & Canvasman Enterprise	904-428-3063		2	Y 35 5 5	F	R		IB R S
7	Inlet Harbor Marina & Restaurant	904-767-3266	6 72	5	Y 120 12 12	F ★50	R L PSRGDE	GD Tex MGBI RS	All All
7	Lighthouse Boatyard & Yacht Sales	904-767-0683	16 11		Y 85 8 8	FC ★▲50	L70	All GD She MI RS	All MVA
7	Riverside Hotel	904-428-5858	16	4	Y 120 15 15	F ★▲50	D		I RSL HP PR All
7	Sea Love Boat Works	904-761-5434	16		Y 80 8 8	F ★▲50	L70 PRG DWFE	D Chev MI RS	All
7	Smyrna Marina	904-428-3896		3	Y 65 9 6	F ★▲50			I RSL P
8	Kennedy Point Marina & Club BOAT/U.S.	407-383-0280	16 71	10	Y 70 5.5 6	F ★▲50		GD Coas MI All PT	P MVA
8	Titusville Municipal Marina BOAT/U.S. p. 427	407-383-5600	16 68	25	Y 165 9 8	All ★▲50	RDL	GD Coas MGILC	All All All
8	Westland Marine	407-267-1667		2	Y 80 14 14	All ★▲50	D L40	All GD Tex MI RS	P MV
9	Indian Cove Marina p. 430	407-452-8540	16 9	6	Y 50 5 5	All ★▲50	D L25 PSR GDWF		MI RSL MV
9	Island Point Marina	407-452-0541	16 9	6	Y 60 6 5	F ★▲50		GD I RS	P
9	Whitley Marine Inc.	407-632-5445	16 68	2	Y 140 7 8	F ★▲50	L37 PGDF		I RSL P MV

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AMENITIES



SAILMAKERS
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SAILMAKERS
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Bar / Restaurant / Snack Bar
Pool / Tennis / Golf
Pumpout

Sebastian to Vero Beach (see also Vero Beach Harbor Highlight)

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E	DOCKAGE		SERVICES		SUPPLIES		AMENITIES	
	Number of Transient Moorings	Working VHF Channel	Seasonal / Year-round	Approach Depth in Feet at MLW	Dockside Depth in Feet at MLW	Maximum LOA	Repairs: Propeller / Sail Riggings	Gas / Diesel Fuel
Marine Facilities and Services	Number of Transient Moorings	Working VHF Channel	Seasonal / Year-round	Approach Depth in Feet at MLW	Dockside Depth in Feet at MLW	Maximum LOA	Repairs: Propeller / Sail Riggings	Gas / Diesel Fuel
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Fort Pierce

14	Cracker Boy Boat Works*	561-465-7031	16	71			Y					L70	PGDWF					MV
14	Fort Pierce City Marina	BOAT/U.S. 561-464-1245	16	9	20		Y	175	8	8	FC ★▲50	R				MI	All	All All
14	Fort Pierce Inlet Marina*	561-464-8451			5		Y	50	8	6	F ★▲50					RSL	P	MV
14	Harbortown Marina & Boatyard	561-468-0770	16	69	100		Y	125	8	8	FC ★▲■100		L150	All	GD	Cit	MI	All All MVD
14	Marina at Fort Pierce	561-461-1266	16	68			Y	60	10	10					GD			
14	Pelican Yacht Club	561-464-1734	16	68	5		Y	75	7	6	FC ★▲50	R			GD	Tex	IB	RSL PT All MV
14	Riverside Marina	561-464-5720	16	68	5		Y	60	10	10	F ★▲50		L70	All			MIB	RSP P MV
14	Taylor Creek Marina	SEA/TOW 561-465-2663	16	68	4		Y	40	8	8			L9	All	G	Tex	MIB	RP PS All
14	Toucan's / Top of the Dock	561-465-1334			4		Y	55	8	8	F ★▲30						R	PR MVD

St. Lucie Inlet to Stuart and St. Lucie River

15	Anchor's Aweigh Marine	561-334-0936	16		4		Y	50	5	4	F	★▲50		C	PGWF			M	RS		PS	MV
15	Nettles Island Marina	561-229-2811	16	69	10		Y	120	9	9	All	★▲50				GD	Tex	MGBL	All		All	MVD
15	Outrigger Harbor Marina	561-286-7200	16	10	10		Y	120	8	8	FC	★▲100				GD	Tex	I	RSL		P	All
16	American Custom Yachts	561-286-2835	16	68	9		Y	135	12	12	F	★▲100		L150	DWFE	GD	Cit	M	RS		P	MV
16	Casa Rio	561-334-0944					Y	50	5	6				L35	PGDWFE			M				MV
16	Club Med—Sandpiper	561-335-4400	16	72	6		Y	90	6	6	F	★▲50				GD	Cit	I	RSL	HPG	PR	MVA
16	Harbor Inn	561-692-1200			2		Y	100	9	8	F	★▲50								HP	PR	MV
16	Indian River Plantation	SEA/TOW 561-225-3700	16	9	50		Y	120	6	6	All	★▲50				GD	Tex	MGI	All	All	PR	All
16	Monterey Motel & Marina	561-283-3500			7		Y	25	4	3	F	★15								H		MV
16	Northside Marine	561-692-4000	16	69	40		Y	140	7	7	FC	★▲50		L70	RGDWFE	GD	Cit	MI	All	P	All	MV
16	Pelican's Nest	SEA/TOW 561-334-0890	16	68	2		Y	50	7	6	F	★▲50						I	RSL		S	
16	St. Lucie Marine	561-692-2000	16	9			Y	50	6	6				L30	All							MV
16	Stuart Yacht Builders	561-283-1947					Y	90	5.5	10				L40	SRG DWFE						P	
16	Waterside Place Marina*	561-283-0099	16		20		Y	40	6	6	F	★30						MGI	RSL		P	MV
16	Wood's Cove Marina	561-287-1298	16	68	5		Y	65	5	5	F	★▲50		L60	PSRGDF				RS		P	MV

Port Salerno and the Manatee Pocket

17	David Lowe's Boatyard	561-287-0923	16	9			Y	90	6	6	F	★★100		L150	All			M	RS		P
17	Manatee Marine	561-283-6714	16	72	5		Y	55	3.5	4	F	★★50		L5	GDfE	GD	Cit	MI	RS		P MVA
17	Mariner Cay	561-287-2900	16	9	2		Y	110	7	6	F	★★50				GD	Pure	MI	All		P MV
17	Pirates Cove Resort & Marina	561-223-9216	16	68	20		Y	75	6	5	All	★★50			PGDE	GD	76	MIB	All	HP	All MVA
17	Port Salerno Boatyard	SEA/TOW 561-287-6937	16				Y	40	6	6	F	★★50	L	L20	PSG DWfE			M	RS		MV
17	Sailfish Marina	561-283-1122	16	11	4		Y	65	6.5	6.5	FC	★★50		L35	PRG DWfE	GD	Tex	MIB	RSL		PS MV
17	Stuart Corinthian Yacht Club	561-221-1900	16		3		Y	50	6	6	F	★★50							RS		MV
17	Topside Marina	BOAT/U.S. 561-223-4110	16	68	3		Y	115	6	6	All	★★50	L	L40	All	GD	Chev	MGB	RS		S All
17	Whiticar Boat Works	561-287-2883	9	9			Y	70	4	6	F	★★50		L50	All			M	RS		P MV

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Marine Facilities and Services



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Hollywood to North Biscayne Bay (see also *Miami Harbor Highlight*)

23	Bobby Moore's Custom Marine	305-931-3157				Y	50	30	15	F			L60	RGD				R			All	
23	Fort Apache Marina	954-935-5285	16	72	16	Y	50	13	13	F	★50		L50	PGDWFE	GD			MIB	R		PR	MVA
23	Hi-Lift Marina	305-931-2550				Y	45	15	6		▲50	L	L	PGF	G	Tex	MI	R				
23	Hollywood Marina	954-921-3035	16	08	10	Y	92	6	8	FP	★★50	R			GD	Gulf	I	All		P	MVA	
23	Keystone Point Marina	305-940-6236	16	10	1	Y	100	20	5	F	★★50	D	L	All	GD		MIB	RP		P	MVD	
23	Maule Lake Marina	BOAT/U.S. 305-945-0808	16		20	Y	100	10	10	All	★★50		L68	PSR GDFE	GD	Tex	I	All		PR	M	
23	President's Marina International	305-935-7511	16	68		Y	135	15	5	F	▲50			DFE			M	R		P	MVA	
23	Ruffy's	954-920-4497	16		10	Y	70		4	All	★★50			All			I	RSL		PR	MV	
23	Spinnaker Marina	305-947-6088		67	3	Y	65	6	6	All	★★■50	L	L35	PGDFE	GD	Cit	MGIB	RS		P	All	
23	Sunny Isles Marina	305-944-9182	16			Y	50	7	12	All	★★50		L10	PSRG	GD		MI			P	MVA	
23	The Jockey Club	305-893-3344	16	10	20	Y	200	12	12	All	★★■200	D		GDE			L	RS	All	All	MVA	
23	Turnberry Isle Resort & Club	305-932-6200	16	68	25	Y	220	30	9	All	★★■200			D			M	All	All	All	All	
23	Waterways Marina	305-935-4295	16	12	4	Y	120	40	40	All	★★▲100						MGi	All		All	All	
23	Williams Island Marina	305-937-7813	16	10	10	Y	150	7	7	All	★★■50			GD			Gi	All	PTG	All	All	
Miami River																						
24	Able Marine Dockage and Towing	305-638-9243			20	Y	100	10	30	All	★30		LC60	All					RSP		P	
24	DuPont Plaza Hotel & Marina	305-358-2541			3	Y	250	14	14	All	★★								RP	HP	PR	MVA
24	Jones Boatyard	305-635-0891				Y	240	12	12	FP	★★■		L160	All								MV
24	Las Americas Marine	305-545-7448				Y	80	15	15	F	★★50		L35	PDFE								
24	Merril-Stevens Dry Dock Co.	305-324-5211				Y																
24	Norseman Shipbuilding	305-545-6815			2	Y	110	8	7				L75	All								MVA
24	Padillas Marina	305-326-7200			14	Y	170	12	12	All	★★■50	D		All					R		All	
24	Poland Yacht Basin	305-325-0177				Y	38	20	18	F	★★		C	All			M	RS		P		
24	Richard Bertram Inc. Yachts	305-633-9761	9	9	10	Y	100	10	5	FP	★★■50	R	100	All	GD	Amo					All	
24	River Marina	305-324-9496			40	Y	46			F			L	PF					RS		P	All
24	Southern Marine Services	305-860-0395				Y	40	18	18				L26	GFE					R		P	All
Virginia Key, Key Biscayne to Coconut Grove																						
25	Crandon Park Marina	BOAT/U.S. 305-361-5421			5	Y	40	6	9	F	★★50	RD	L5		GD		IB	R	G	PR		
25	Rickenbacker Marina	305-361-1900	16		5	Y	85	6	6	FP	★★50	RD	L10	All	G	Chev	GIB	RSL		PR		
26	Dinner Key Marina	305-579-6980	16	72		Y	120	8	7	All	★★▲100	R							All		P	MV
26	Grove Isle Marina	305-858-4753	16	68	22	Y	130	6	9	All	★★■100	D					MGi	All	HPT	All	MVA	
26	Homestead Bayfront Park & Marina	BOAT/U.S. 305-230-3033	16			Y	45	3	3	FP	★50	R	L5		GD	Fina	GIB	RP	P	P		
26	Monty Trainer's Bayshore Marina	305-854-7997	16	11	10	Y	80	5	6	F	★★50			P					RSL	H	All	MVA

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All Coast Guard Stations
Monitor VHF Channel 16

DOCKAGE	SERVICES	SUPPLIES	AMENITIES
110V + 220V ▲ 3 Phase ■ Maximum MW	Hookups: Fresh Water	Repairs: Propeller / Sail	Restrooms / Showers / Ice / Bait / Fuel Brand
Approach Depth in Feet at MLW	Dockside Depth in Feet at MLW	Diesel / Wood / Fiberglass / Electronics	Marine / Groceries / Gas / Diesel Fuel
Seasonal / Year-round	Maximum LOA	Rail / Lift / Crane / Trailer Capacity (tons)	Public Phone / Restaurant / Snack Bar
Number of Transient Berths	Working VHF Channel	Ramp / Dinghy Dock / Launch Service	Hotel / Pool / Tennis / Golf
Monitors VHF Channel			MasterCard / VISA / Discover / AmEx



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South Biscayne Bay to Barnes Sound																												
27	Black Point Marina	BOAT/U.S.	305-258-4092	16						Y	55	4	8	All	50	L				GD		B	RS				MV	
27	Matheson Hammock Park Marina	BOAT/U.S.	305-665-5475							Y	45	6	5	F	★▲30	R				GD	Tex	IB	RP	P	S			
Key Largo to Islamorada (see also Key Largo Harbor Highlight)																												
28	Blue Fin/ Rock Harbor Marina		305-852-2025	16		3				Y	60	3.5	6	All	★▲50	RDL	L15	PGD	G			MI	RSL		P	All		
28	Mandalay Marina		305-852-9019	16	72	6				Y	50	3	6	All	★	D		DGFE				I	RSL		All	MVA		
28	Molasses Reef Marina	BOAT/U.S.	305-451- 9411	16		6				Y	50	5.5	28	All	★▲50	R						I	RS				MV	
28	Roger's Marine		305-852-2475							Y	48	3	7	FP	★30	RDL	LC	All					R		P		MV	
29	America Outdoors Camper Resort and Marina		305-852-8054	16						Y	40	5	5	F	★	RD			G			MGIBL	RSL		All	All		
29	Pilot House Marina		305-451-3452	16	10	1+	1			Y	50	4.5	17	All	★▲50							I	RSL		PR		MV	
30	Coconut Cove Resort & Marina		305-664-0123			2	15			Y	28	3	4	F	★50	RD	T					IB	RSL	H	PR		MV	
30	Curtis Marine		305-852-5218				1			Y	65	4.5	7	F	★▲50			R				M	RSL				MVA	
30	Hog Heaven Sports Bar and Food Emporium		305-664-9669				20			Y	40	3.5	3.5														All	
30	Treasure Harbor Marine		305-852-2458	16	9	6				Y	55	4	7	F	★▲50	RD								RSL		PR		MV
Islamorada to Upper Matecumbe																												
31	Campbell's Marina		305-852-8380				60			Y	53	4	4	FP	★▲		L12	PGDWFE						RSL				
31	Cobra Marine		305-664-4745		68	2+				Y	30+	5	5	All	★▲50		L	PGFE	G	Tex		MIB	RS					All
31	Houseboat Vacations		305-664-4009		7	11				Y	50	8	8	All														
31	Plantation Key Boatmart		305-852-5424							Y	30	4	12				L4	PGFE									All	
31	Plantation Yacht Harbor Resort & Marina		305-852-2381	16	10	15				Y	70	5	5	All	★▲50	R			GD	Chev		I	RSL	HPT	PR		All	
31	Smuggler's Cove Resort & Marina	BOAT/U.S.	305-664-5564	79	79	20				Y	70	6	5	All	★▲50	RD			GD			I	RSP	H	R		All	
31	Tavernier Creek Marina		305-852-5854	16	74	13				Y	35	5	6	F	★▲	L	L10	PRGDFE	GD	Chev		MGIB	RS		PR		All	
32	Abels Marina and Tackle Shop		305-664-3380							Y	40	4	20							GD								
32	Breezy Palms Resort		305-664-2361	16	11	25				Y	26	3	3	F	★	RD		P				IB	RSL	HP			All	
32	Bud'N'Mary's Marina		305-664-2641		77	6				Y	55	5	5	F	★▲50		L	PG	GD			MIB	RSL		PS		MVA	
32	Hampton Inn & Suites		305-664-0073	16	69	12				Y	44	2.6	5	All	★▲50	R							RL	HP	PR		All	
32	Holiday Isle Resorts and Marina		305-664-2321	16	73	21				Y	100	4.5	6	All	★▲50	R	T		GD	Chev		GIB	All	HP	All		All	
32	Pelican Cove Resort		305-664-4435			6				Y	50	3	3			R						IB	R	HPT	PS		All	
32	Whale Harbor Dock and Marina		305-664-4511	79	79					Y	65	5	4	All					GD			I	R		R			
33	Coral Bay Marina		305-664-3111	16	10	5				Y	60	5	8	F	★▲50		L60	PSRWFE				M	RS				MV	
33	Islamorada Yacht Basin/ Lorelei Restaurant		305-664-2692	18		2				Y	50	4.5	4.5	All	▲50	RD						I	RS		R		All	
33	Papa Joe's Marina & Backcountry Charters		305-664-5005	16		2				Y	25	8	3		★30			PSR DWFE				GIB	R		All		MVD	
33	World Wide Sportsman Bayside Marine		305-664-4615	16	78	15				Y	50	4	4	FP	★▲50	RD		GD	FE	GD	Tex	All	RSP	H	All		All	

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DOCKAGE		SERVICES		SUPPLIES		AMENITIES		See page 430														
								MasterCard / VISA / Discover / AmEx Public Phone / Restaurant / Snack Bar Hotel / Pool / Tennis / Golf Restrooms / Showers / Laundry / Pumpout Gas / Diesel Fuel Marine / Groceries / Ice / Bait / LPG / CNG														
Number of Berths		Seasonal / Year-round		Hookups: Fresh Water / Sewer / Phone / Cable TV		Ramp / Lift / Crane / Trailer / Launch Service		Docks: Depth in Feet at MLW		Approach Depth in Feet at MLW		Maximum LOA		Monitors VHF Channel		All Coast Guard Stations Monitor VHF Channel 16						
Lower Matecumbe to Long Key																						
34	Caloosa Cove Marina	305-664-4455	16	77	6		Y	80	5	8	All	★▲50		L	All	GD	Coas	All	RSL	HPT	PR	All
34	Hawk's Cay Resort & Marina	BOAT/U.S. 305-743-9000	16	10	45		Y	115	5.5	5.5	All	★▲100	R			GD	Tex	GIB	All	HPT	All	All
34	K.T.'s Marina Bait & Tackle	305-664-4509	16	72			Y	45	3	18					PGDFE	G		MGIB	R		P	All
35	Dusky South	305-664-4142					Y	26	5	5	F	▲		L	PGFE	G		MIB	R		PS	MVA
35	Robbie's of Islamorada	305-664-9814	16	69			Y	65	6	7	All	★▲50	RDL	L3	PGF	GD		IB	R		RS	All
35	Sea Bird Marina	305-664-2871	11		6		Y	65	7	7	All	★▲	RD	L4	GD			MIB	RS			MVA
Duck Key to Key Colony Beach (see also Marathon Harbor Highlight)																						
36	Coconut Palma's Marina	305-743-0552	16				Y		3	3			R		GWF	G		MGIB	R		PR	All
36	Duck Key Marina	305-289-0161	16	68			Y	25	3	10				L6	G	G		MIB				MV
37	Grassy Key Marina Bait & Tackle	305-743-3372	68	68	30		Y	33	4	6	F	★30	R	L6	PG	G		GIB	R		P	All
38	Bonefish Marina	305-743-7015			7		Y	60	7	5+	All	★30							RSL		P	
38	Coco Plum Marina & Storage	305-743-7743	16	9			Y	33	4	5	F		L	L2	PGFE			M				MV
38	Driftwood Marina & Storage	305-289-0432	16	10			Y	75	6	7	F	★▲50		L60	All			M	RS		P	MV
38	Fish 'n' Fun	305-743-2275	16	72			Y	32	5	5						G		GIB				
38	Key Colony Beach Marina	BOAT/U.S. 305-289-1310	16	8			Y	20	6	12	All	★▲50	RD			GD		GIB	RP	R	All	
38	Shelter Bay Marine	305-743-7008	16	18			Y	55	8	20			L	L50	All			MIB	R			MVA
38	Tarpon Bay Motel	800-743-4922	16	68	8		Y	60	4.5	9	F	★30		L	All	G	Tex	MIB	RSL	H	P	MV
38	The Boat House	305-289-1323			10		Y	45	5	5	F			L10	PGE	G	fin		RS		P	MVD
The Lower Keys to Key West (see also Key West Harbor Highlight)																						
39	Sunshine Key Marina and RV Resort	305-872-2217	7		60		Y	45	4		F		R	L		G	Chev	MGIBL	All		All	All
40	Bahia Honda State Park Marina	305-872-3210	16		19		Y		3.5		F	★30	R						P		S	
40	Dolphin Marina Resort	305-872-2685	16	10	2		Y	30+	3.5	7+	F	▲50	RD			GD	Cit	IB	RS	H	P	All
40	Keys Sea Center	305-872-2243					Y	30	4					L6.5	PGFE			M				All
40	Little Palm Island	305-872-1226	16	9	10		Y	110	7	10	F	▲50						I	RSL		PR	All
41	Cudjoe Gardens Marina	305-745-2357	16	11	2+		Y	65	3	13	F	★30	R	T	PGDFE	G	Tex	MIB	R		P	All
41	Geiger Key RV Park & Marina	305-296-3553	79	79	10		Y	24	2	10	All	▲50	R			G		IB	All		PR	
42	Boca Chica Naval Air Station Marina	305-293-2468	16		4+		Y	50		20					MILITARY PERSONNEL ONLY							
42	Murray Marine Inc.	305-296-9555	78	78	5+		Y	26	3	5	F	★30	R	L	PG	G	Tex	MIB	R		P	All
42	Oceanside Marina	BOAT/U.S. 305-294-4676	16	10	40		Y	130	15	8	All	★▲50	RL	L	SGDF	GD	Tex	MGIB	All		PR	MVA
42	Peninsular Marine Enterprises	305-296-8110	16				Y	55	5		All	★▲50	D	L70	SRWF			MI	RS		P	MV
42	Safe Harbour Marina	BOAT/U.S. 305-294-9797			2		Y	300	10	12	All	★▲50			SRDW				RSL			MV
42	Sea Horse Marina	305-292-9880	16	10	3		Y		3	8+	F	★30	R			G		MIB	RS			MVA
43	Sunset Marina	305-296-7101	16				Y	45			All	★▲50	L		PGDE	G		MGIB	RSP		P	All

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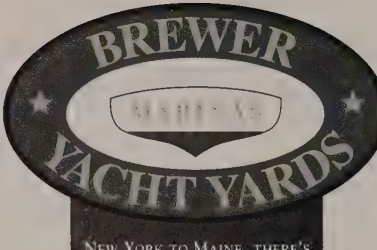
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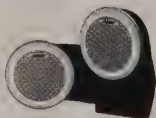
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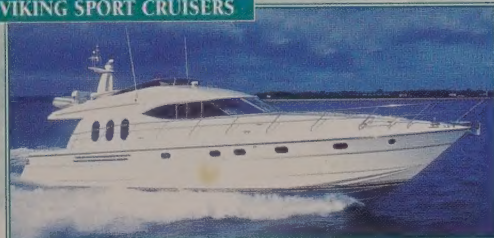


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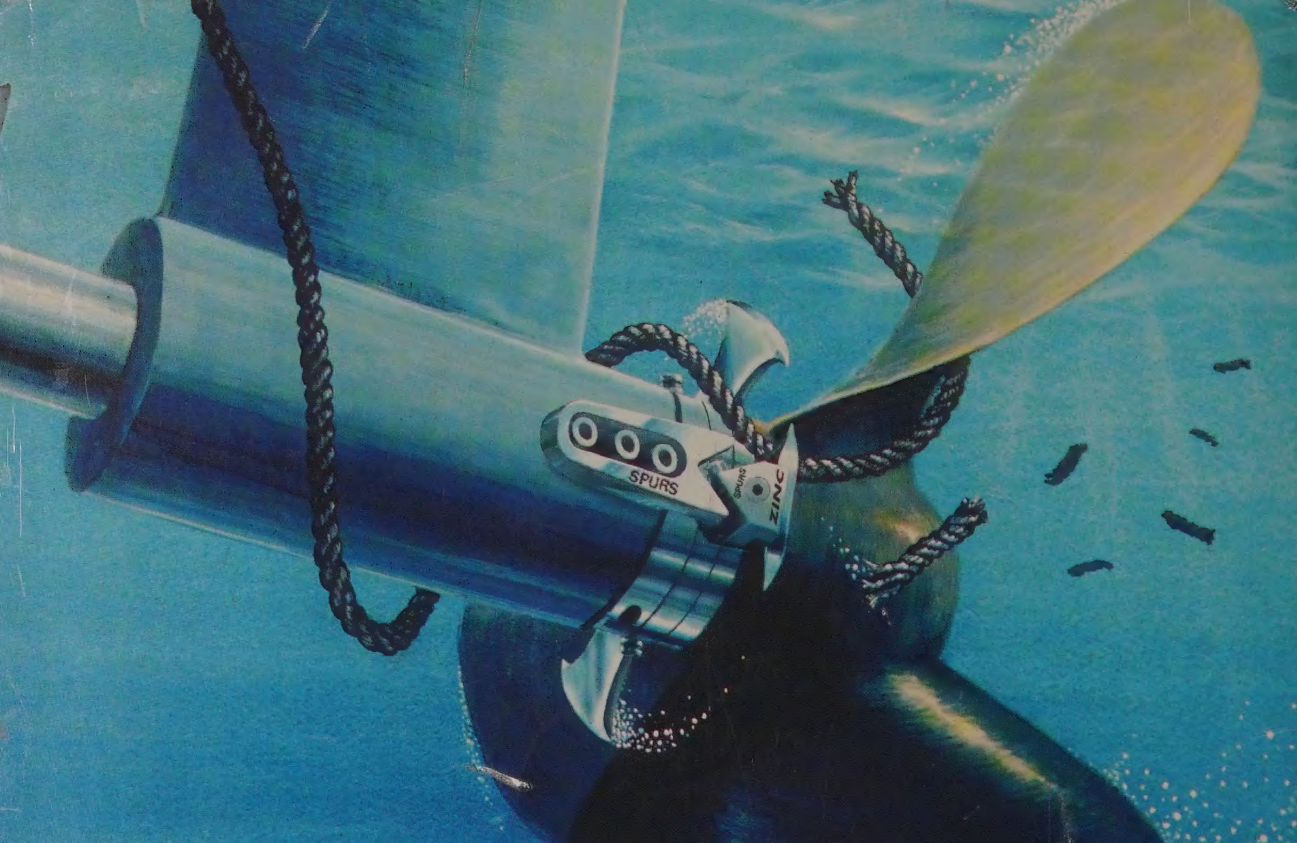
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